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BASS HARVEST DOWN IN 1979

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A recent "Emergency Striped Bass Study Informational Bulletin" (No. 81-81, June 24, 1981) indicates that the 1979 harvest by commercial and recreational fishermen was far below historical averages.

The purpose of the Emergency Striped Bass Bulletin series is to inform those interested in striped bass what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are doing with regard to the implementation of the Emergency Striped Bass Research Study (commonly referred to as the Chafee Amendment), as authorized by the amended Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, P.L. 96-118.

Commercial Fishing

Commercial landings statistics collected by the National Marine Fisheries Service indicate that the landings of striped bass in northeastern states in 1979 was substantially less than landings for previous years (Table 1). Only two states, New York and Massachusetts, reported landings that were comparable to the 1929-1976 average. Maryland reported the highest pounds landed for any northeastern state in 1979, followed by North Carolina, New York, Virginia, and Massachusetts. Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Delaware each reported landings of approximately 50,000 pounds.

TABLE 1. COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF STRIPED BASS IN THE NORTHEAST U.S., 1979, COMPARED WITH THE 1929-1976 AVERAGE LANDINGS

State	Landings (Thousands of Pounds) 1929-1976 Average	1979
Massachusetts	400	398
Rhode Island	100	54
New York	600	535
New Jersey	300	40
Delaware	100	45
Maryland	2,600	774
Virginia	1,500	467
North Carolina	900	614
	6,500	2,927

Recreational Fisheries

In 1979, the National Marine Fisheries Service sponsored a survey of marine recreational fishing in the United States. The survey indicated that over one million striped bass were landed by marine fishermen along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts (Table 2), principally from the Middle Atlantic Region (New York to Virginia, 80% of the total landings) and North Atlantic Region (Maine to Connecticut, 16%). Maryland alone accounted for 55%, by number, of the striped bass landed, followed by New York (23%), Connecticut (6%), Massachusetts (5%), Rhode Island (4%), and North Carolina (3%). Since 1979 was the first year of a new method for conducting the recreational fishery survey, the numbers obtained are not directly comparable to earlier survey results.

TABLE 2. RESULTS OF THE MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES STATISTICS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1979 BY THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Region	State	Est. Number Caught (Thousands)
North Atlantic	Maine	17
	New Hampshire	NR
	Massachusetts	59
	Rhode Island	44
	Connecticut	65
	Total	185

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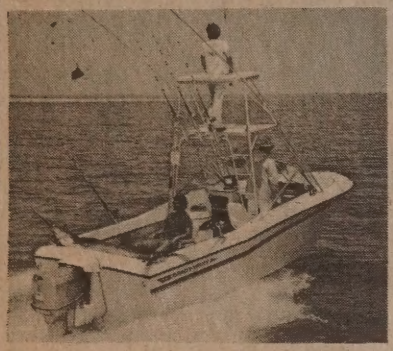

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CHUM LINES

TAGGING PROGRAMS

I am a subscriber looking for some information concerning tag and release programs for striped bass.

I spend much of my spare time fishing the Hudson River and western Long Island Sound.

One of your issues titled "Hudson River Stripers," I believe gave information on how to become a member of local tag programs. Having lost the issue I've tried other organizations, such as the IGFA with no success, only help was for offshore species. Being a surf fisherman, that wasn't of much use.

Can you send me any information that may set me straight on this issue so that I can add more sport and productiveness to my fishing. Note: I've just heard Texas Instruments possibly has such a a program. Do you know something about it? Your attention is much appreciated. *Gary Ferguson, Bronx, N.Y.*

Your best bet is probably to contact the American Littoral Society in Sandy Hook, N.J. You should contact them and become a member. As a member, you'll be entitled to purchase tags for a modest fee. These tags can be used easily from the surf. When someone catches a fish that you have tagged and released, they send information about species, date, and location caught. This information is reported regularly in the Society journal titled, "The Underwater Naturalist." *Good Luck. Dr. W.A.M.*

OBJECTS TO SUPPORT OF JAMES WATT IN PASS IT ON.

I was deeply disturbed by an item which appeared in the September 10, 1981 issue of *The Long Island Fisherman*, in the "Pass It On" section regarding the stand the L.I.B.B.A. has taken supporting the policies of Interior Secretary James Watt.

I feel that mounting a petition drive in support of Mr. Watt by a group that has previously masqueraded behind the facade of being a conservation organization is completely unconscionable.

My specific grievance with you is the way in which you presented this article. Reading it a person might be led to believe that the only people opposed to Mr. Watt's policies were environmental extremists, when in fact every major conservation organization in the country is demanding his resignation.

One must wonder when your magazine makes constant references to the "threat" of commercial fishermen to our fishery resources and then supports the policies of the man who is the most serious threat to the natural resources of this country to come along in decades. Is your magazine seriously committed to conservation or are you willing to sell out as cheaply as the L.I.B.B.A.? I think you have a responsibility to your readers to address this issue at once. *John DeBellas, Oyster, Bay, N.Y.*

Hold on, John. The appearance of a letter from beach buggy groups in support of James Watt should not be interpreted to mean that The Long Island Fisherman supports Mr. Watt. Instead, let us explain that the Chum Lines and Pass It On sections of LIF represent forums for the exposure of ideas and opinions of concerned groups and individuals. It is our obligation to expose a diverse group of ideas whether we agree with them or not. If we agree, fine and if we disagree, then we'll get our chance to have our say at the right time and at the right place through our Editorial section. We never have and never will stifle other opinions because we feel that would be managing the news and would be unfair to our family members. The appearance of your letter now offers you the opportunity to present an alternative personal point of view. We believe that is as it should be. Dr. W.A.M.

H.R.F.A. OPPOSES WESTWAY

It was rather surprising to note that in The Long Island Fisherman issue of September 17, 1981, favorable publicity was given to the proposed Westway Project. A short notice stated that one by-product of the project would be the construction of an offshore *artificial reef*. Such a reef would be a welcome addition for local fishermen, and thus would tend to engender their support for the project.

However, this is rather misleading to the angling community, as there is evidence to show that the Westway Project could be extremely detrimental to the striped bass fishery of the Hudson River. A report by the National Marine Fisheries Service to the Chief of Engineers of the Department of the Army, claimed that the tidal area to be filled in by the construction of Westway is of critical importance to the survival of the striped bass in the Hudson River. According to NMFS, this area, known as the interpier habitat because it consists of the areas between the piers of Lower Manhattan, serves as the primary over-wintering area for the juvenile striped bass of the Hudson Estuary. As the Hudson River is a major contributor to the Mid-Atlantic population of striped bass, the detrimental effects would not be limited to the Hudson, but would be felt in every state from Massachusetts to Maryland.

According to NMFS:

"During the fall, natural behavioral patterns account for a downstream movement of young striped bass into the lower estuary where they are found predominantly in the interpier

area to be filled. Because that interpier area provides shelter, food and appropriate habitat for these midwater fish, we consider this area to be habitat essential for their survival. As will be discussed later, such habitat is also considered critical since suitable alternative habitats have been eliminated by development and pollution. .....Should juvenile striped bass (including the hatchery produced fish described earlier) be denied access to this critical nursery area, it is NMFS' opinion that the survival of the entire Hudson River population and its substantial contribution to the Atlantic Coast fisheries would be jeopardized."

As a result of the NMFS report, and the subsequent analysis of the data upon which the report is based, the Hudson River Fishermen's Association has joined the ranks of those opposed to Westway. It is the position of HRFA that, at the very least, environmental permits for the construction of Westway be suspended pending further investigation of that project's impact on the Hudson River striped bass fishery. HRFA maintains that it is imperative that the Hudson stock of striped bass be protected from any deleterious effects of Westway. At a time when Atlantic stocks of striped bass are in a major decline, the public cannot allow a major contributor to those stocks to be irreparably damaged.

It is with the interests of the angling community in mind, that we ask The Long Island Fisherman, and its subscribers for their public support. Thus we urge all fishermen in the New York area to write to Governor Carey, and Sens. D'Amato and Moynihan, and express their concern about the impact which Westway is predicted to have upon the striped bass populations of the Mid-Atlantic Coast.

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Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. *Peter Silverstein, Exec. Dir., Metro. Chap., Hudson River Fishermen's Assoc., Inc., New York, N.Y.*

"GAR"-FISH

Perhaps you can help with the proper identification of an unusual looking fish.

While wading on the Plum Beach Flats fishing for snappers, I have several times seen what I can only describe as a gar fish. The ones that I have sighted have never been more than a foot long, swimming lazily along the surface. They are primitive-looking, with a long snout.

Are these fish gar fish, and are they indigenous to our waters? *Michael Weiss, Bklyn., NY*

Although I can't be sure since we don't have the fish to look at, it would appear you are referring to a fish that is common to our estuarine waters. They seem to arrive with the snappers and leave with them. These fish are needlefish, Belone bellone. *In some states this fish is called a garfish. Dr. W.A.M.*

CLUB NEWS

HUNTINGTON ANGLERS'

The Huntington Anglers' Club held a Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby the weekend of October 16-18, with the Mill River Rod & Gun Club of Bayville and the Harbor Fishing Club of Huntington, with a clean sweep for the Huntington Anglers' Club. Fishing was done off Eaton's Neck. Following are the results:

BASS: Bill "Packy" Collins, 13.8; Vinnie Maiorana, 11 lbs.

BLUEFISH: Vinnie Maiorana, Jr., 14.2; John Maiorana, 13.8.

A hearty breakfast was held at the Harbor Fishing Club on Sunday morning. Captain Bill "Packy" Collins is President of the Huntington Anglers' Club.

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Gordon To Head N.M.F.S.

by Al Ristori

On October 5, Bill Gordon was appointed by NOAA Administrator Dr. John V. Byrne to the position of NOAA Assistant Administrator for Fisheries—which is, in effect, the director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Gordon had received the backing of sport fishing groups in the selection process that eventually narrowed down to him and a lawyer for the National Fisheries Institute.

The selection of Gordon is an encouraging sign as it puts competent professionals in charge at both NOAA and NMFS. That represents quite a change from the last Administration when both spots were filled by politically-appointed lawyers with little or no knowledge of the organizations they were placed in charge of. The net result was four years of turmoil, extremely low morale in NMFS and a general dissatisfaction with the agency among both sport and commercial fishing organizations.

Gordon was formerly Regional Director of the NMFS Northeast Region in Gloucester before being appointed to direct the Resource Conservation and Management Office in Washington in 1979. Bill is well respected as a professional marine biologist, and sport fishing groups feel that he will give recreational fishing a fair shake—something it hasn't received in NMFS for the past four years. In succeeding Terry Leitzell, Bill Gordon doesn't have much of an act to follow. However, we all have high hopes that he'll be able to restore both the morale of the agency and its credibility among sport and commercial fishermen!

Tuna Legislation Fight Continues

The many odd twists and turns in the fight to gain U.S. control of the tuna resources within our 200 mile limit continue. Both recreational fishermen and commercial interests along the East Coast are fighting for legislation to bring the tunas under the protection bill. This year they are finally somewhat organized under the banner of the American Tuna Action Committee (ATAC). While that organization is vastly under-funded in relation to the West Coast high seas tuna interests, at least we have a fighting chance.

There's substantial support for the legislation that's already been introduced to add tunas to the 200 mile limit. The House bill, H.R.4457, sponsored by Rep. Jim Howard (D-NJ) had 22 co-sponsors at last count; while S.1564 (sponsored by Lowell Weicker, Republican-Connecticut) has 12 Senate co-sponsors. However, the House bill does lack the important support of the chairman of the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and the Environment, John Breaux (D-LA) and its ranking Republican Ed Forsythe (6th Dist.-NJ). At the Congressional hearing on this subject on Sept. 25, Breaux indicated that the compromise agreements with the Japanese should be allowed to run their course. He also seemed to favor an approach using the Japanese by-catch of billfish with which to push them out of our waters. In theory we could have a billfish management plan which would prohibit any mortality of billfish on foreign longlines, but it's doubtful that such a prohibition would stand up in the courts due to our inability to really document the condition of the billfish stocks and the status of our own law which gives the Japanese (and every other foreign country) the right to fish for tunas right up to our three-mile limit.

Rep. Forsythe has gone along with his chairman in urging a similar approach which, he seems to feel, would solve our problem on the East Coast while also allowing the State Department to continue backing the West Coast fleet in its incursions into the fisheries zones of other countries. Indeed, this summer Forsythe sent a letter to the Gulf and East Coast fishery management Councils urging them to take whatever steps they could to protect billfish, regardless of the impact on the Japanese longliners.

Forsythe's letter stated that "Notwithstanding the exemption given tunas in the Fishery Conservation and Management Act, it is the clear intent of that Act that U.S. fishermen be given the first priority access to U.S. fishery resources. This philosophy was reaffirmed in the American Fisheries Promotion Act which established a specific procedure for phasing out foreign fishing in the U.S. Fishery Conservation Zone as the U.S. harvest increases. If by applying the phase-out provisions to the billfish fishery, the result is that the foreign tuna fishery is closed or reduced, then so be it. To allow foreign tuna fishing to dictate the level of the U.S. billfish harvest is contrary to the fundamental purpose of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act as well as the American Fisheries Promotion Act. Foreign fishing interests should not control the pace and direction of U.S. fishing industry development."

Unfortunately, the prospects for State Department acceptance of such a system are dim, so Forsythe has proposed another means of getting around this problem without changing the law. On October 15, he asked the State Department to take action under the ICCAT treaty to limit Japanese tuna fishing by placing a quota on the number of tuna which can be caught and assigning that entire quota to American fishermen. Forsythe stated that "We can do it under an international convention so it does not cause an East Coast/West Coast problem. I feel very comfortable that this solution will have no effect on the West Coast industry because of the two international conventions."

The American Tuna Action Committee feels that Forsythe's plan is ill advised, and primarily a means of stalling a solution to the problem. The Committee has pointed out that Forsythe's proposal can't even be considered at the November meeting of ICCAT since a 60-day notice is required for a rule change. The next ICCAT meeting after that won't be held until November, 1982. Congressman Howard is also sticking by his bill as being the logical means of protecting the tunas in our waters. He has agreed with Forsythe on the coastal state preference, but feels it should be implemented through the force of law.

Ironically, while the West Coast tuna interests continue to hold the upper hand in the Commerce and State Departments, there have been some breaks in their ranks. At the recent Congressional hearings, Lou Puskus of Barnegat Light testified that he'd spoken to two West Coast tuna skippers of his acquaintance and both felt that the tuna exemption in the 200 mile limit bill was of little importance to them. Furthermore, the May issue of National Coalition for Marine Conservation's newsletter "Right Rigger" reported that Zapata Protein, Inc., had come out against the tuna exemption. According to Earl J. Conrad, Jr., President of Zapata Protein, "The Congressional rationale for excluding tunas from the FCMA was that due to their highly migratory

nature they could not be managed satisfactorily unilaterally and should be managed through international fisheries agreements. It was theorized that if the United States held to their position and provided for negative economic and political consequences to those nations which did not subscribe to this principle, other coastal nations with tuna resources would be forced to the bargaining table in a conciliatory mood and effective management measures would be adopted. History has shown us that this solitary position is defeating the very purpose for which the exclusion was intended.

"The capture of tunas in the Eastern Tropical Pacific has shown a steady decline over the past four years. As an example, as of the first week of April, 1978 the catch in the Eastern Tropical Pacific was 119,000 tons; in April, 1979 it was 115,000 tons; in 1980 it was 92,000 tons; and as of April 6, 1981 it is estimated that less than 80,000 tons have been captured. This 33% decline in a four-year period has occurred in spite of the fact that there is a greater amount of vessel tonnage participating. The U.S. tuna industry is beginning to suffer severely and many U.S. flag vessels have been sold to Latin American countries where an abundance of tunas is found. In addition, several of these countries have indicated plans for the construction of new vessels which will be operated by their own citizens and the fish processed in factories in the host countries.

"I think we must stop hiding our head in the sand, and face up to the fact that our present (policy) is not working and that perhaps inclusion of tunas within the FCMA (and thereby recognizing the rights of other nations to unilaterally manage tunas) may be the most effective means by which to not only bring the parties to the bargaining table on this issue but on several issues which are being impacted by the United States position."

As Conrad has noted, "it's time to stop hiding our head in the sand!" However, don't expect the lights suddenly to turn on in the State and Commerce Departments—and the high-priced West Coast tuna lobbyists will maintain their pressure on Congress, if for no other reason than to justify their own big incomes. If the tuna are to be saved (and many billfish and game sharks along with them), it's up to you and I to offset that pressure with our letters, telegrams, phone calls and mailgrams. Address your Congressman at House of Representative, Washington, D.C. 20515, and your Senators at U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

The success of this legislation may well depend on how many of Rep. Forsythe's 6th District constituents write to him in support of including tunas in the 200 mile limit!

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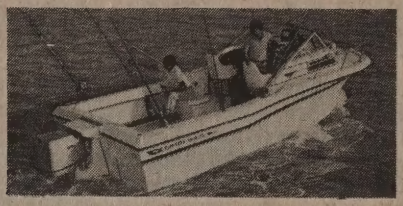

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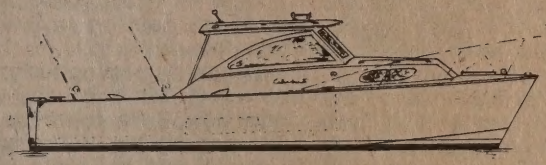

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FISH TALK

NOVEMBER WINNER

by William A. Muller

BRIAN MULHOLLAND, you are the November winner of a Sigma Reel. Brian's letter touched upon a topic that many fishermen think about from time to time. "I'd like to ask you to discuss how some anglers can outfish others with identical tackle by getting some extra action from their gear that their neighbors just can't match. I saw this happen a couple of times this spring while weakfishing at Captree on a party boat. Virtually everyone used spinning tackle to cast red jelly worms on white or yellow leadheads. I saw one of the mates pick up a rod and take three fish one after the other, while the rest of us only picked a fish here and there. Everyone asked the mate what he was doing and he gave the usual advice—'slow down', but apparently we weren't able to follow his advice well enough to catch more fish. The best example I've seen occurred at Makamah Beach on a June morning in 1977. I was one of a group of about thirty casters trying to work fish that were breaking about fifty yards out. Everyone had more or less the same tackle, but we were fishless. Then along came a regular that some of the fishermen called Frank. Frank had the same tackle we were using and threw out Hopkins lures just as we did and in about an hour he landed five or six bluefish in the 5 lb. class and one bass of 15 lbs. The rest of us on the beach did not have a fish and although we watched Frank carefully and tried to match his retrieve we still caught nothing. By the time the fish moved off, Frank had two-thirds of the fish that were caught. How did Frank do it? I would also like to read more about long distance surf casting. The Sports Illustrated issue of June 1, 1981 had an article on surfcasting and how long distance casting is well practiced in England. Casting a bait hook many times further out than what most of us can accomplish might add more fish to the stringer. How about rod and reel designs."

TAKE THE LAST FIRST. Interest in long distance casting has been growing steadily in the United States for some years now. Like most aspects of sport, necessity is the mother of invention. Long distance casting has been popular in Europe for a long time and it is also a necessary technique for Australian surf fishermen. In order to understand why people practice long distance casting we need to examine the necessity that mothered the result. The beaches in Europe are gently sloping, for the most part, and there is little structure. Some distance off the beach, however, there may be troughs and holes that are quite deep by our beach standards. Now the fish, usually cod and ling type species, will venture inshore to the inner edge of that trough or hole and the troughs may be hundreds of feet off the beach. If a caster can reach the deep water he or she will catch fish, but if the caster cannot reach the right water there will be few fish taken indeed. In order to cast great distances, these specialists have designed special rods, reels are often modified, but it is the casting technique that really puts the bait into productive territory. The technique is complicated but essentially it uses principals of physics to swing a bait and sinker through an arch to generate considerable momentum before releasing the line and sending it seaward. The revolving spool reel was once thought to be the only reel to use for distance casting, but recently the spinning reel has emerged as a competitive tool in distance casting. At least one tournament was recently won with spinning tackle.

NOT IN U.S. I don't believe that distance casting will ever really become important in the United States as an angling technique. I may be wrong, but that's the way I see it right now. Sure, there are people into distance casting, but as an exhibition curiosity and not really as a fishing method. I feel the reason for this is easy to understand. Our beach structure is different. Sure, there are times when an extra hundred feet will make a difference, but the fact is that isn't true often enough for surf fishermen to gear up with the correct tackle and casting techniques. In fact, I have seen more cases where fishermen overcast the fish than situations where some extra feet would have gained them a stringer full. Distance casting, the way the British do it, may eventually find a place on the open sand beaches when baitfishing. Here there is often the time and the room to go through distance casting procedures. Only time will tell.

ON TO YOUR MAIN QUESTION! Why does one person catch fish while others do not? Perhaps one of the most fascinating questions there is in recreational fishing. Your letter suggests, but does not say so outright, that more experienced fishermen will generally catch more fish than the beginner, but it isn't always true. Sometimes, the same differential of catch will occur among a group of fishermen who are all experienced. No amount of experience and skill can eliminate the luck factor. Luck is, and always will be an important aspect of fishing. The experienced fisherman tries to cut down the odds, improve the percentages, so that luck plays as small a role as possible. Even among regulars there are good days and poor days and there are times when the experienced fisherman succumbs to the same problems as the novice. Just because one catches a lot of fish for many years doesn't mean that one can't get over-anxious or forget about some crucial little technique. It happens and when it happens the failure to catch fish just makes matters worse and then before you know it, the bad habit gets worse and the fisherman gets more over-anxious. The fisherman may not even be aware that he or she is doing anything different; the adrenalin pumps, the body gets charged up, the retrieve gets faster, the twitch gets twitchier, and the fisherman is not even aware that his speed of execution is any different from usual. The result will be no fish. The mate on the party boat was probably correct—although I wasn't there for a firsthand experience. We have watched fishermen jigging weaks with jelly worms and usually their retrieves are much too fast. I guess because a fish is a game fish, people think that the fish will charge hell-bent for leather after everything that is thrown into the water. All predators will take the easy way out if they can. Thus, a slow moving bait is a much better target for their attention than one that flies by. Why work hard if you don't have to? Better the worm should drag through the bottom sand and mud than dart all over the place. What we like to do when in a boat weakfishing, is to throw the worm out and not even jig it. We adjust the size of the lead head until the jelly worm rides just above the bottom and even bumps bottom once in awhile.

WHAT ABOUT FRANK? Again, I wasn't there, but I've seen situations like the one you describe many times. More often than not I'm one of the ones not catching fish. I do the same

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NOVEMBER NEWS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE ALL CLUBS CODFISH TOURNEY, SPONSORED BY THE SQUAW ISLAND FISHING CLUB - NOV. 14 - OUT OF FIRE ISLAND AND JONES INLETS - PROBABLY THE LAST GAME IN TOWN FOR LONG ISLAND. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JOHN SUSS, (516) 661 - 5936.

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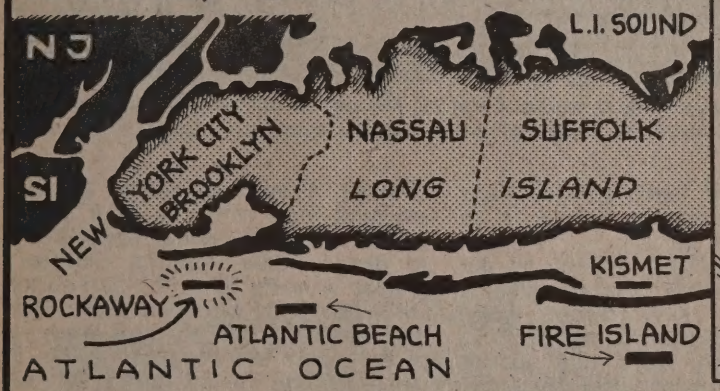
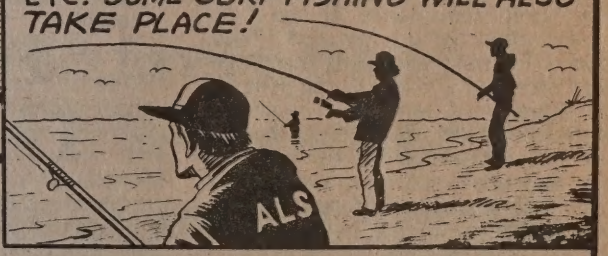
THE ROCKAWAY ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEF GETS THE RUBBLE - *30,000 TONS OF CONCRETE* FROM N.Y. CITY'S WESTWAY PROJECT STARTING NEXT MONTH INTO SUMMER. A HOT SPOT FOR BOTTOM FISH, THIS REEF WILL DOUBLE IN SIZE.

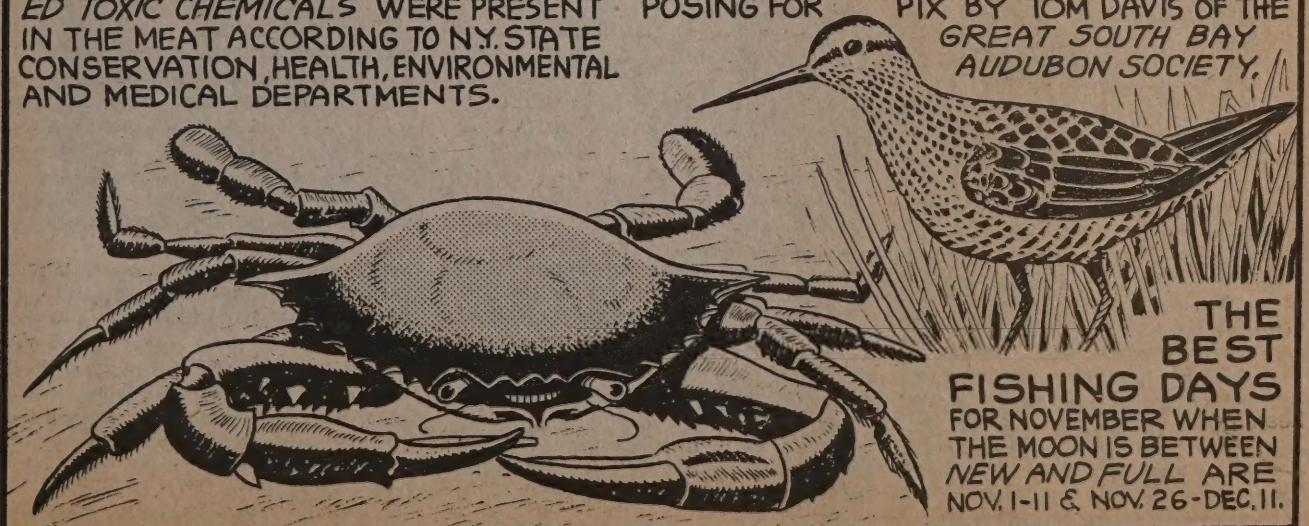


A SPORTFISHING CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD NOV. 7-8 AT SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY. NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WILL DISCUSS THE 200-MILE LIMIT, SALTWATER LICENSES, CLINICS ON SURF FISHING, STRIPED BASS, BOTTOM FISHING, LURES, RIGS ETC. *SOME SURF FISHING WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE!*



BLUECLAW CRABS WERE PLENTIFUL THIS SEASON IN THE HUDSON RIVER, BUT THE WORD WAS NO MORE THAN *ONE MEAL PER WEEK. PCB'S, MERCURY, CADMIUM AND OTHER ASSORTED TOXIC CHEMICALS* WERE PRESENT IN THE MEAT ACCORDING TO N.Y. STATE CONSERVATION, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS.

A RARE BIRD IS THE SHARPTAILED SANDPIPER UNHEARD OF ON THE EAST COAST. IT BREEDS IN SIBERIA AND WINTERS IN AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND, BUT VISITED THE N.Y. CITY JAMAICA WILDLIFE REFUGE POSING FOR PIX BY TOM DAVIS OF THE *GREAT SOUTH BAY AUDUBON SOCIETY.*



THE BEST FISHING DAYS FOR NOVEMBER WHEN THE MOON IS BETWEEN *NEW AND FULL* ARE NOV. 1-11 & NOV. 26-DEC. 11.

SURF FISHING

FOR STRIPERS, GO NORTH

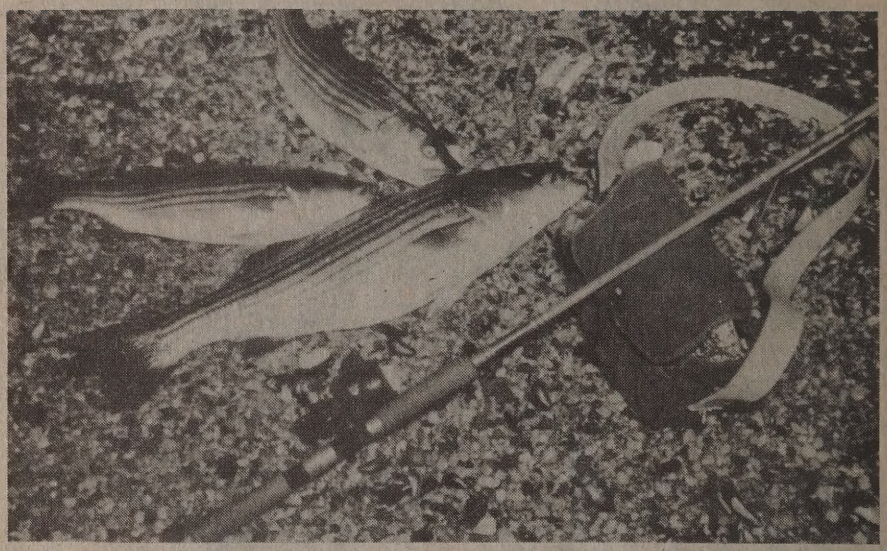
by John Fritz

The remaining schools of ever popular weakfish have long since departed the waters of Long Island, while the last remnants of the wide-ranging bluefish hordes are passing through the eastern portals of the Sound into the open sea. Sunrise at this time of the year brings a welcome warmth to dispel the chill indicative of the weather ahead. The majority of surfcasters have stowed their gear, convinced that beach fishing has terminated for another season. In years past, many of these anglers would have continued to pound the beach well into December in pursuit of loitering striped bass. In the recent past, these weather-beaten surfmen have had little reason to face the elements for the once plentiful schools of bass have dwindled drastically.

Contrary to all predictions, the closing days of last season witnessed a splendid resurgence of the most sought after fish in the surf. True, most of the bass were little more than legal size, but a few lucky anglers did manage some decent fish. The quality of these fish left much to be desired, but the impressive scores made by surf and boat men alike kindled the hope that this scene will repeat again this season.

Even though these returning fish are a year older and should be well above the minimum legal size (16" from the snout to the fork of the tail), anglers should be wary of keeping fish below the limit. Last season many borderline fish were kept. If an angler feels no remorse about taking illegal fish, then he should at least be mindful of receiving a fine if caught by the authorities. Anglers unable to judge the length of fish, rather than carry a measuring device, can indicate the appropriate measurements on their rod with either tape or a circle of paint.

If the fish is to be released, gently remove the hook by backing out the barb rather than tearing the hook free by ripping the flesh. Fish that must be handled should be grasped only after a person first wets his hands, for dry hands will remove the protective slime leaving the fish susceptible to infection. Fish of doubtful length should not be dragged high on the beach into the dry sand, but left near the water's edge where the sand still retains some of its moisture. The disgraceful practice of dropping a fish on the beach and then kicking at it until it finally lands in the wash should be treated with disgust by all decent anglers.



There are days when conditions permit the use of ultra-light gear along North Fork beaches. School stripers provide maximum sport on such tackle.

While the western Sound and the tidal rivers under the shadow of Manhattan's skyscrapers have produced excellent late season bass fishing in recent years, the opposite regions of Long Island Sound were the scene of the resurgent striper action. The often deserted and placid beaches of the North Fork were the center of activity unique along the Island's shore line these past few autumns. The sand eel population appeared to equal the amounts of the previous season when they drew large numbers of teen sized bluefish into these waters. Anglers disappointed in the absence of appreciable quantities of these brutes readily modified their tactics to enjoy the run of striped bass.

Surfmen patrolling the shore watched with envy the boatmen who were working the rips beyond casting distance of the most capable caster. Bucktails cast from a drifting boat rarely failed to yield a plump bass, but surfmen willing to greet the rising sun experienced identical results casting artificials from the shore. On many occasions this action dwindled to a slow pick as the sun reached its zenith, but flurries of action rewarded patient anglers who either missed the early session or refused to call it quits.

With the majority of the monster bluefish elsewhere, many anglers adjusted their tackle to offer these spirited stripers a better opportunity to display their fighting abilities. Instead of using 10' or 11' surf sticks with reels filled with 15 or 20 lb. test line, lighter 9' and 10' rods were in widespread use coupled with a corresponding change to 12 lb. test lines.

A percentage of these anglers, desiring to enjoy the best possible sport, unlimbered their ultra-light gear. Many sections of this shore line are suitable for the adoption of light tackle techniques, for the angler need only to avoid the crowds and the boulder strewn area. Naturally the forceful onshore winds will hinder the use of this tackle. Winds from a northerly direction should be avoided for they will generally be in a caster's face; but on certain stretches of this shore the coastline will alter its lie so that winds—possibly from the southeast or southwest—would be considered onshore.

One of the basic theories followed by surfmen is that onshore winds will produce better fishing for anglers plying the water's edge. In most cases, this will probably hold true, but in regard to this style of fishing these breezes are not necessary; therefore, the light tackle enthusiast can practice his sport assured of an excellent chance of success.

In the absence of strong onshore winds, surf conditions usually allow

the fisherman to dispense with much of the specialized gear necessary when fishing the oceanfront. Short rubber boots or cutoff waders are frequently all the footwear that is needed. During those chilly mid-November mornings it is advisable to compensate for the loss of protection offered by a pair of wind resistant waders. A pair of long underwear and a windproof jacket will provide the necessary comfort while permitting an angler prone to walking lengthy stretches of waterfront the unnecessary burden of wearing waders.

The most productive class of lures when seeking these late season bass are tins. Even though the selection of metal lures which will take fish is quite broad, certain shaped tins seem to account for the greatest number of beached fish. The overwhelming choice on most occasions are tins similar to the J-5 but even these slim, deep running lures are further modified to increase their effectiveness. The addition of a small green tube to the single tail hook was a hot item during last year's fishing while sharpies who coupled this lure with a Red Gill teaser made outstanding catches.

It is sometimes difficult to find a tackle shop stocked with tins such as the J-5. For those anglers frequenting Montauk, Kronuch's Tackle offers a choice of tins similar to those fashioned by such legends as Charlie Graves and Pasquale. The Surfcaster's catalog, obtainable by writing to 113 Maywood Road, Darien, Ct. 06820, lists three types of Charlie Graves tins: the J-8, J-6 and the D-5. For those particular anglers seeking to choose from a wide selection of hand-fashioned tins, a request can be sent to Ralph Votta, 34 Quarry Lane, Levittown, N.Y. 11756 for his brochure offering 27 different chrome lures of various weights, shapes and sizes.

Just about all of the tins conceived by these past masters come equipped with single hooks decorated with either bucktail or feathers. For those desiring to replace the tail hook with a tube it is a simple matter to remove these hooks from the connecting split ring. Anglers who prefer to use the readily available lures such as the 1¼ oz. Hopkins are advised to replace any treble hooks for the method of fishing this area will result in frequent snagging on the rocks littering the bottom.

After the lure is cast it is allowed to sink to the bottom, after which a slow retrieve is initiated, interrupted by sporadic twitching of the rod tip. Although this method attracts the stripers feeding in the depths, an incidental catch—which is often bothersome—results from the numerous sundials seizing the offering. Even though sundials are considered a pest by most anglers, they should be returned to the water unharmed, the same as all short bass. An added benefit to using single hooks is that less harm is caused to fish being returned to the water.

When the four inch Red Gill is used as a teaser the standard dropper rig is most often preferred. This consists of an 18'' length of leader from a swivel to the primary lure. An additional eight inch leader is tied to the same eye of the swivel from which the Red Gill is attached. The use of this rig frequently results in double headers which, in this age of bass scarcity, is a unique occurrence.

Although the above items or combinations are the primary lures employed, some anglers prefer to cast 4'' or 5'' Rebel type plugs. These plugs are particularly useful when fishing areas heavily infested with rocks. As most veterans are aware, bass frequently seek such troubled regions, and properly worked tins will result in a serious drain on an angler's supply of lures.

At this late stage of the season, the surfcaster is rapidly losing his choice of options. With autumn storms possibly terminating the fishing at any time, surfmen should make full use of every opportunity presented to them. Late season fishing of the quality offered by the North Fork has been lacking for some time; so before the north winds put a final end to this season get in those last few trips of the year. Remember, these coming months will drag endlessly until the arrival of spring.

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OLD TIMER'S CORNER

THE GOOD SOULS

by Matt Ahern

My drop line and I were doing fine with the Sandy Hook fluke that day. I had finally gotten the knack. Every few minutes I'd swing a fluke over the rail, quickly remove the hook, toss the surprised fish into the butter tub, put on a fresh killie, and go down and get another. Yes, sir; it had taken a few trips, but I'd gotten the knack.

I had the tub half full when this old fisherman sidled up beside me. He watched as I unhooked a fluke, then he gently tapped me on the arm. "Hey, kid, when you gonna stop fooling around like this and become a real fisherman?"

I suppose there were kids who would have told that old-timer to mind his own business, but a 15-year-old's deportment in 1930 when aboard such a sedate party boat as the Rose R II was strictly low key. And besides, I'm sure this old-timer actually did consider my fishing activity his business, for certainly there is no question that "I am my brother's keeper" applied during those days. This old fisherman knew that I understood what he meant, of course; but to make certain I did, he added, "When you gonna get yourself a rod and reel and have some real fun?"

"Soon as I can afford it," I replied.

"That bad, eh? Tell you what, kid, I know you're on board every Thursday, so check me out next week. I'll have something for you."

That "something" I received the following week was a sidewinder reel. It had been well used, but I didn't care. Its freshly-varnished maple sides glistened in the early-morning sun, and its two knobbed handles wore a coat of brilliant, glossy red enamel. It came complete with 100 yards of nine-thread linen line. It was beautiful!

And you know, after more than fifty years, I still have that reel. I wouldn't part with it for the world. I no longer use it; but if I ever decided to all I would need do is place it on my rod. Perhaps a drop of light oil to its solid brass shaft would be required, but that's all.

While we are on the subject of reels, I'd better tell you the story of another sidewinder I own. This one, too, I wouldn't part with.

Those of you who have read this column for any length of time know that I devote a good deal of writing about those old-time master fishermen who frequented party boats in the days of my youth—especially those aboard the old Rose R II out of Canarsie. These fellows were a breed unto themselves. I don't think we'll ever see their kind again. It was the sad times of the Great Depression that brought forth the inherent kindness and compassion of these great fishermen.

Most—if not all—these fellows were rough and ready. They were living through the worst of times and they were making it. They were no longer frightened by the events and economy of the day, for no matter what those terrible times brought them, they were secure in the knowledge that they could handle it. And this confidence, this elan, if you will, was apparent in all their actions when fishing aboard party boats.

One of these fellows was Andy Goetz of Ridgewood. I was always a little frightened of Andy. Huge and boisterous, possessor of a face lined by the weather, and tracked by wrinkles, complete with a voice that seemed harsh enough to crack glass, Andy never paid much attention to me. Occasionally, he would squeeze by as I stood at the rail and jab sausage-like fingers in my ribs. "Knock 'em dead, Marty boy; knock 'em dead," he would say, which was about the extent of his interest in me. Or so I thought.

I was ever on the alert for information regarding such master fishermen and it wasn't long before I heard rumors that Andy had invented a new type sidewinder reel which he planned to soon put on the market. He called it the U-Needa-Reel. Its sides, I'd been told, were brown Bakelite and it came in two sizes: 3½" and 5".

I was on board the morning Andy showed up with a carton of those reels, which I was sure he wanted to sell. I was hoping he wouldn't ask me, for no matter what the cost, there was little likelihood of my buying one. Therefore when he approached me, I suddenly discovered some distant spiling which needed my undivided attention.

As I knew he would, Andy stopped before me and said in that harsh gravel-like voice: "Here, Marty, this is for you." He held out a blue and white cardboard box which I knew contained a reel.

"For me?" I asked stupidly.

"Sure for you. All my buddies get free reels. What's the matter, kid, don't you want it?"

How about that!

Now, tell me, how are you going to beat guys like that? Those fishermen, as I said, were always rough and ready for anything; but it was all a sham, for they were pussycats in their hearts. Incidentally, I've also got that reel squirreled away, and to even consider parting with it pains me greatly.

I now had two reels, certainly an embarrassment of riches for a 15-year-old fisherman those days—but no rod. A good rod at the time for the type of party boat fishing we did cost about six dollars. But as far as I was concerned, it might just as well have been one hundred dollars. But those good souls came to the rescue again.

During those days, The Rose R's regulars always left their tackle in the pilot house at the completion of a day's fishing. It was extremely convenient to do this, especially if one traveled by public transportation. Some of the more affluent fishermen had shore lockers, but because of the times, these fellows were few and far between. Therefore, one corner of the pilot house was set aside for this convenient storage of rods and reels. There were several dozen of these, but no regular would think of using another's stored tackle without permssion, regardless of what misfortune befell him during the day (a broken rod or malfunctioning reel, let's say).

One of those regulars who stored his tackle in the pilot house was a Belgian we called Babe. I can see him yet: heavy-set, ruddy complexion, a face like a cherub, always hatless and always cheerful. He was a great fellow for telling jokes and also a great fellow for giving me the bum's rush should I wander too close during the telling of certain stories.

Anyway, to make a long story shorter, Babe died. One of Babe's wishes was that his funeral be held aboard the Rose R II. Babe's ashes were scattered overboard by his wife. The chosen site was just south of the Cholera Bank. I was aboard that day and witnessed the whole service only because Babe's wife had requested the presence of all his fishing buddies. As she told me on the way in "Babe always liked you, Marty."

Well, several weeks passed. One day as I came aboard, the skipper called me aside. "Here, Marty, take Babe's rod. He'd want you to have it, I know."

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No call was received by the Wednesday deadline, therefore there is no winner for last week's L.I.F. Bumper Sticker Contest.

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MINI TRAVEL:

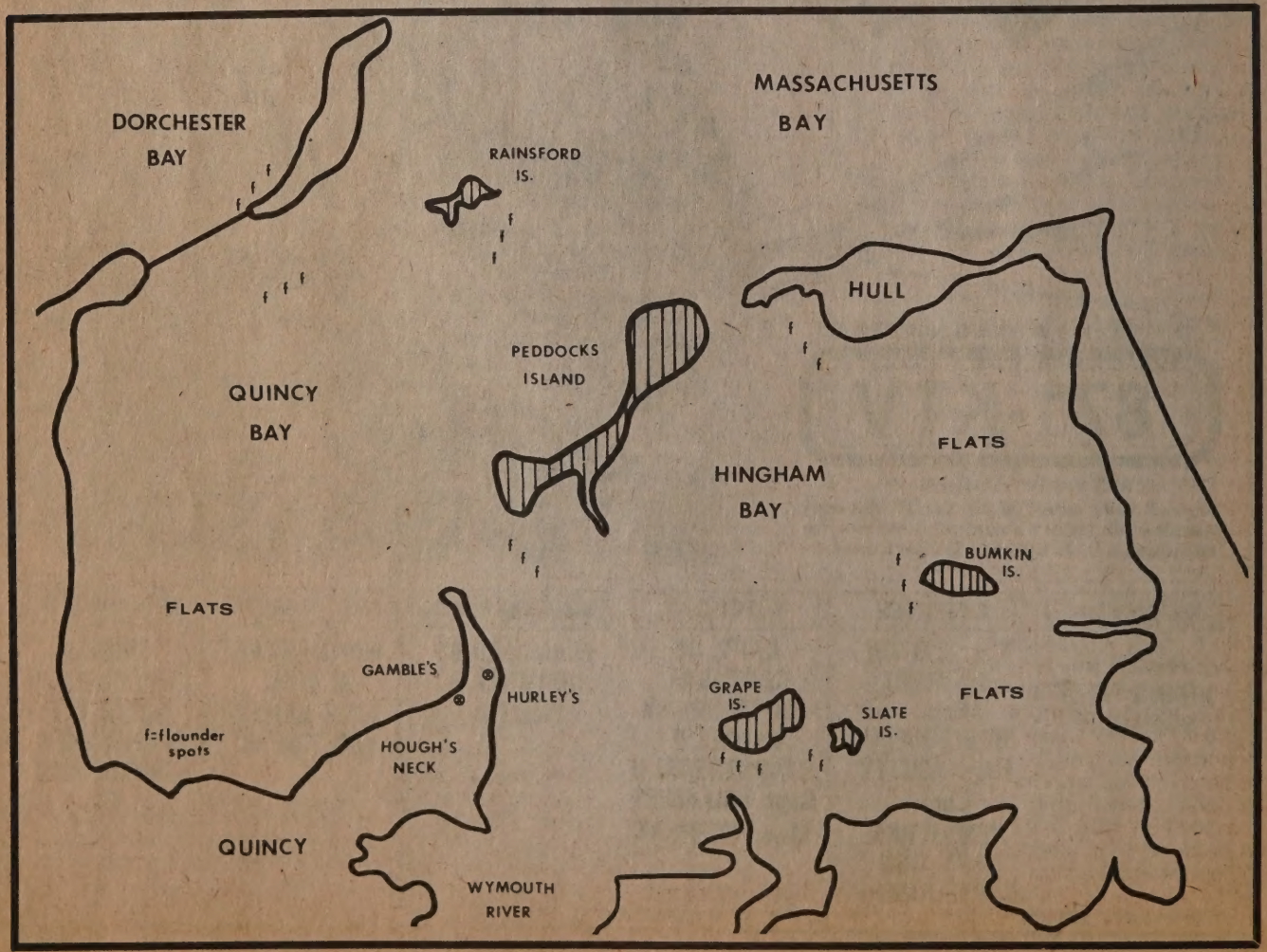
FALL FLOUNDER AT QUINCY

by Don Kamienski

Most readers of this magazine will think of the spring time-frame when someone mentions winter flounder fishing at Quincy, Mass. Admittedly, while flounder fishing is usually excellent during the April-June period, for my money, the best time to journey to Quincy is during October and November. There are several advantages in making the northward trek in the next few weeks. Usually, the weatherman cooperates with cool nights and mild days, the flounder are on their normal eating spree for the upcoming winter hibernation: the huge crowds of springtime anglers are reduced; the motel accommodations are more plentiful, and finally it is an excellent opportunity to stock up your freezer with enough tasty fillets to carry you through the long winter months.

In this article, I will try to give you some specifics as to locations that have been successful for me during the recent years in which I've journeyed to Quincy. When someone suggests flounder fishing at Quincy, They are really talking about the possibility of fishing three bodies of water. These bodies include (from north to south): Dorchester Bay, Quincy Bay, and Hingham Bay. What divides these three bays from each other, is a series of islands that are usually situated on a township or municipality boundary line. If you write the NOAA at Distribution Division, C44, National Ocean Survey, Riverdale, Md. 20840 and ask for small craft chart #13270. They will send you a chart which clearly indicates the three bays. Incidentally, the map costs $3.25.

East of the Town of Quincy, is a spit of land called Houghs Neck. This three to four mile spit sparates Quincy Bay on the north, from Hingham Bay on the south, and being centrally located, contains most of the rental liveries that fish this area. From what I can tell, Hurley's Boat Livery (617-479-1239) at the end of Sea Street, is the largest boat livery on the Neck, and, therefore, it probably attracts most of the out-of-state fishermen. The cost of a rowboat with motor at Hurley's is $27 per day and this size boat can usually handle three to four anglers comfortably. Down the road from Hurley's on the Neck, is another rental facility (Gamble's, 617-471-8060) which has similar type boats and motors available. If both liveries are booked, you can try the Pemberton Bait Shop in Hull (617-925-0239), or the Quincy Bay Flounder Fleet in Dorchester (617-773-9020) for boat reservations. I would not



make the trip to Quincy unless I had either made advanced boat reservations at one of the preceding telephone numbers, or plan on trailering my own rig.

Since I often trailer my Offshore Duranautic to Quincy, the facilities at Hurley's is usually my base of operations. The ramp at Hurley's (while paved) is long and somewhat narrow with a launching fee of $4. When the tide is extremely low, there isn't much pitch at the bottom of the ramp, so owners of large boats have a little difficulty in launching and retrieving their craft. So keep the tidal phases in mind when launching at this site.

Before I begin describing some of the better areas to fish, let me mention one or two motels that provide good accommodations, at a reasonable price. The first motel is the Presidents City Motel (617-479-6500) which is located on Hancock Street in Quincy, and the second motel is the Susse Chalet Motor Inn (617-848-7890) in Braintree. Should you be staying at the former motel, try the Winfield House Restaurant which is located next door. At this restaurant, you can expect an excellent evening meal, and the adjacent coffee house provides an early morning breakfast which is value-packed. I can highly recommend both dining places, and again, advanced motel reservations are suggested.

Now that the logistical subjects are out of the way, let's begin detailing the flounder fishing that you can expect at Quincy. For the most part, whether you fish Quincy Bay, Hingham Bay, or Dorchester Bay, you will be fishing bodies of water that are a combination of deep water channels, troughs, and expansive miles of tidal flats. There are some anglers who fish these three bays who swear that the fishing of the tidal flats on the incoming tide produces the most flounder, and there are still other anglers who are of the notion that the deeper waters are the prime spots to fish. Having tried both locations, I have concluded that the middle depths of water that lies between the deep and shallow water areas are my favorite. The flounder seem to use these mid-depth waters as thorofares as they migrate between the deep and shallow areas depending on the phases of the tide. By fishing my favorite depths (20'-25'), I'm intercepting the flounder as they move in from the deep water towards the shallow flats on the incoming tide; then I again intercept them on their return trip as the tide resides. The troughs around Grape Island, Peddocks Island, Rainford Island, and Bumkin Island have the classical flounder producing bottom structure as described above. One thing to keep in mind when fishing these areas, is that the tide must be flowing in order to produce good catches of flounder. When the tide is slack, you might as well open up a can of brew, and watch the planes take off from Logan Airport in Boston.

If, however, aircraft and liquid refreshment are of no interest to you, but you're still faced with fishing a slack tide, try a technique I call "walking the worm." This technique involves moving your bait very slowly along the bottom as you fish the gunwale length of your boat. When nothing is moving during slack water except your bait, flounder will often belt this moving morsel of food with abandon. In fact, other boats in the area will begin to mumble to themselves and wonder what's your secret as was the case in a recent trip to Quincy.

Most people fishing out of Quincy for flounders use seaworms for bait, which can be purchased at most boat liveries. A flat (ten dozen) of worms usally costs around $17, and buying a full flat is the most economical way to purchase bait if you're planning on fishing a few days. As for terminal gear, I like to use a fish finder rig, which allows my 10 lb. test line to slip through as it is connected to a tandem flounder rig of Pequea heavy duty #7 flounder hooks. Incidentally, during the fall, there are some good opportunities to foul hook lobsters while fishing for flounders in the three bays mentioned and sweetening a broiled flounder dish with fresh lobster meat, should delight most people's palate.

One or two more suggestions before I end this article. If you're planning on going to Quincy, bring along some ribbed mussels or skimmer clams for chum. While clams are available at Quincy, they are more expensive, and if you're not chumming heavily, you're not taking advantage of the huge amounts of flounder that area has available. Last year, we took two boats to Quincy, and fished in amongst several rental craft. While both of our boats chummed heavily, the other boats didn't, which resulted in our catching ten flounder to every one of theirs; so chumming is very important for a good catch. Speaking of rental boats at Quincy, the local liveries only supply a single anchor with the craft. Since double anchoring is sometimes an advantage while flounder fishing, taking along an extra anchor from home is an excellent idea. Finally, the fish cleaning facilities at Quincy liveries, where the locals charge ten cents per fish cleaned, should not be overlooked. In many cases, if you drop off your catch as you return to the dock, the fish will be filleted and cleaned by the time you have your boat and gear secured on your trailer.

During the first part of October, I expect to be making a return trip along the New England Thruway towards Quincy. The lure of filling several 86 qt. coolers with flounders that can exceed 3 lbs., is a temptation that frankly I can't resist. If this article has persuaded you into joining my trek, keep in mind some of the subjects discussed, as they will help you in having a successful trip.

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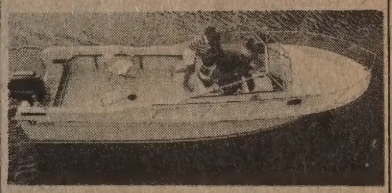

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FLOUNDER CHUMMING

by Russ Wilson

Every fisherman who has ever wet a line or drowned a worm has their own special system. Each will claim that nothing can beat the super-duper killer-diller scheme that is his own dream-child. Well, I also have a super-duper killer-diller method. But, my method is not something I dreamed up nor is it a special get-rich scheme that some enterprising sportsman is advertising in one of the sport magazines. The method to which I refer is nothing but the time-honored method of using chum to attract fish to your baited hooks. It works for bluefish, sharks, tuna, striped bass, weakfish, mackerel, and a host of other fresh and salt water fish. At times chumming works better than any other method or technique one can employ, and even during slow periods it will outperform the usual techniques one normally tries.

We can only say if these fishermen are not catching it is due to their own lack of knowledge. If anyone were to set a chum pot and get a slick going, I'd be willing to bet his flounder scores would show immediate improvement. Better still, to make the bet more interesting, I'll go so far as to venture that angler's score would be double!

That's big talk, but if one goes about the act of chumming correctly he can put his money where his mouth is.

Chumming for any fish is an art. One must use just enough chum to draw the fish, but not quite so much that the fish can get an easy meal without fear of getting a mouthful of hook. Therein lies the secret to proper chumming technique!

You can spread a chum slick around your boat that is so thick it will draw flounders and crabs from long distances and still you will not catch fish. The reason is simple: you are feeding the fish instead of attracting them. All a fish has to do is swim along the bottom and suck up whatever food he may want to eat. This is a common mistake among newcomers to chumming. They feel to attract fish they must set out a gourmet spread. Consequently, they throw clams, mussels, and a host of other foods in a wide pattern all around their anchored boat. It draws the fish alright, but it also serves as an easy meal for every fish that swims by. Soon, every flounder in the immediate area is full as a Christmas turkey. Baited hooks go untouched and soon the fisherman tires of his sport and up anchors, thoroughly disgusted with flounder fishing and everything about the sport.

He could just as easily spent his time drowning worms or strips of clam without the aid of chum and saved money. Probably he would have caught more fish because he would not have put in time and effort in feeding the fish he was supposed to catch.

You do not need a lot of chum to attract flounder. All that is needed is some type of container to hold the frozen clams, mussels, or whatever kind of chum you decide to use. I use a regular killie pot for most flounder chumming and find it works as well as anything. Others use a smaller pot that has a lead bottom to hold it down. These commercial pots can be purchased at any shore area tackle shop for a few bucks. They will last many seasons; are definitely worth the cost.

Fill the container with a frozen chum log or use freshly crushed clams or mussels. All will work and I cannot recommend one over the other. Try each, and pick whichever suits your needs.

Many experienced fishermen use clam strips and worms in combination. The two hook flounder rig makes using two baits a common practice.

The chum pot should rest on or near the bottom so that bits and pieces of clam flesh will drift away as it thaws. An occasional shake of the line that holds the pot will also loosen small pieces of crushed clam so they can drift in the current and attract feeding fish to your hooks.

Some fishermen utilize two chum pots: one in the stern and the other somewhere near the bow. This method also works, sometimes better than the single pot, but it really is not necessary. You can get almost the same identical results by working the pot so its contents drift in a straight slick from where the pot rests on the side of the boat.

Clams are a basic part of the winter flounders' diet, as are sand and blood worms. Many experienced fishermen use clam strips and worms in combination. The two hook flounder rig makes using two baits a common practice. Put a piece of worm on one hook and a clam strip on the other. If one bait outcatches, then use that on both hooks to increase your catch. Some days the worm-baited hook will do all the catching, but at other times, the finicky flounders will take nothing but strips of clam. By using both baits you cover all bases and without wasting any precious fishing time with a bait that does not catch.

But to get the fish to inspect your baits, you must have something that will attract them to where your boat is anchored. This is the job of your chum pot. It has no other purpose, and should not be used for any other reason than to draw fish to your hooks.

If you must put out food other than what is in the chum pot, use clam shells that you have leftover from when you shucked your flounder baits. These shells will have some food inside them, but not too much. The shell will attract fish almost as well as your chum pot. But, if the shells are full of clam flesh the flounders will just fill up on the clam that is in the shell. Your hooks will again go untouched.

Mussel shells will accomplish the same results as clam shells, but again, make sure you do not leave too much food in the discarded s hells. Flounder possess a special fondness for fresh mussels. They will go out of their way to eat these slippery, soft and mushy shellfish. If you throw mussel shells around your anchored boat you most certainly will attract flounders. Just remember to clean the shells before discarding them.

The fall flounder run should last until sometime during mid-January; that gives you plenty of time to practice your chumming technique. By next spring, you should have it down pat and can expect your flounder scores to take a giant step forward. Remember, chum is to entice; baited hooks are to catch. Use the chum sparingly and you should find more of those tasty flatfish in your fish box at the end of a day of fishing.

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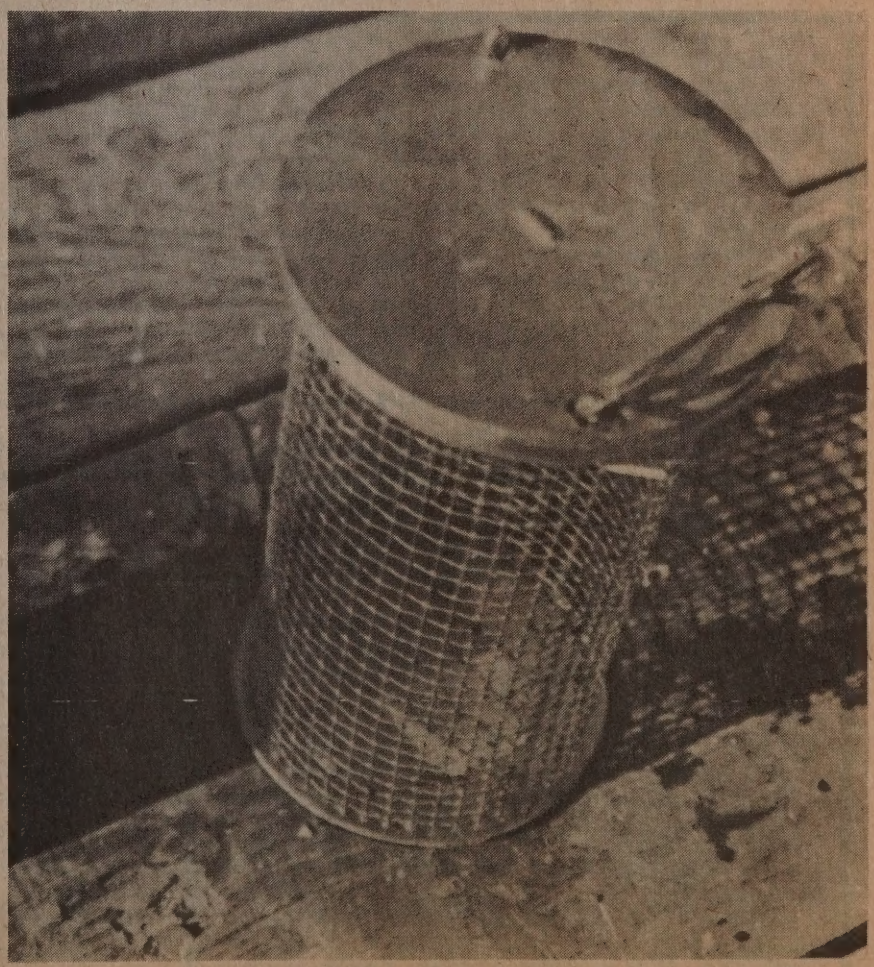

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SCORE WITH COD

Part Two — *by John Konior*

In this second and final part, we will begin by discussing the proper method of rigging for "Mr. Whiskers."

The rule to follow when rigging is to **use only one hook.** The hook should have a leader 18"-24" in length, and be attached 24"-36" above the sinker. Several hook patterns are acceptable, but by far the most prevalent is the Sproat. Depending on the size of fish being caught, sizes 5/0-7/0 are appropriate. Other hook patterns are the Eagle Claw (Beak) and O'Shaughnessy in similar sizes.

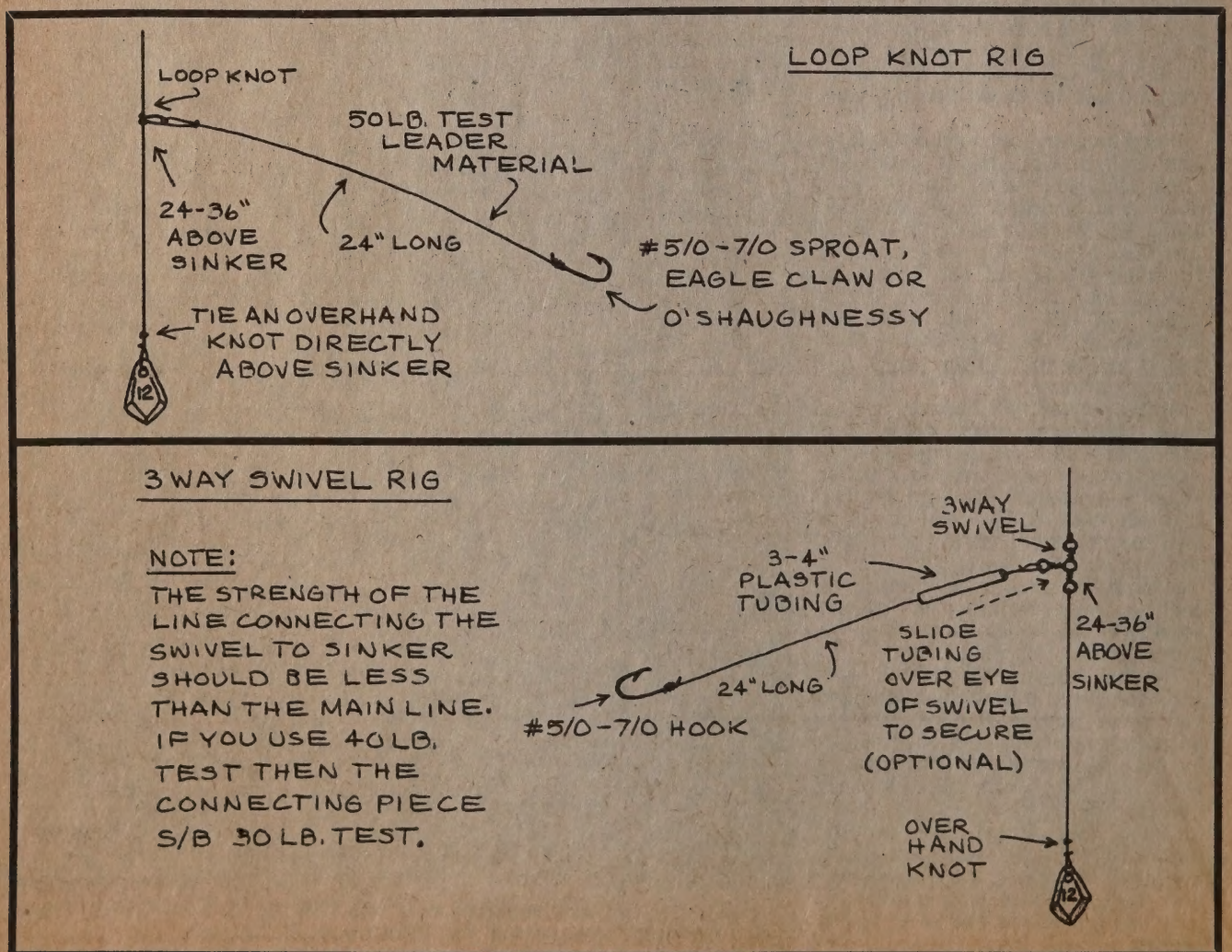
There are several methods for attaching the snelled hook to your line. Purists prefer to attach the hook via a loop knot tied 30" above the sinker. The theory being the more uncomplicated the rig, the better. It's definitely true that when the fish are shy, this setup works best plus has the added advantages of not accumulating bottom garbage (weed, etc.), and ease in re-rigging.

On the other hand, some anglers prefer to tie a three-way swivel in the line and attach the hook from one eye of the swivel, with the line leading to the sinker from another eye. The theory behind this setup is that the swivel tends to prevent the snell of the hook from twisting upon the main line, and allows the hook to spin without kinking the leader. Cod often roll when being reeled in, and a twisted leader or a kink could result in the leader breaking, the hook pulling out, or time lost in re-rigging if the leader is badly twisted.

To further minimize the possibility of the leader becoming entangled with the main line, some anglers slip on a 3" to 4" piece of clear plastic tubing (fish tank tubing). The tubing is slipped on the leader, and once the leader is attached to the three-way swivel, the tubing is slid over the eye of the swivel.

Still other anglers attach the leader via a "quick rig," a small oval donut piece of lead with a brass wire running through either side of it. The advantages of this setup are that it's very easy to rig, the height of the rig can be adjusted quickly by sliding it either up or down, that it's somewhat stronger than a loop knot, and it does serve to prevent the leader from twisting around the main line. It's main disadvantages are that it will slide down the line when reeling in a fish, tending to chafe the line, and after catching several large fish, the wire may pull out of the lead.

All in all, any of the aforementioned rigs work, but you'll catch more fish **consistently** when using the simplest setup; i.e., the loop knot. You can minimize the leader from becoming entangled with your main line by using stiff leader material. Most hooks that you purchase from a tackle or sporting good store come pre-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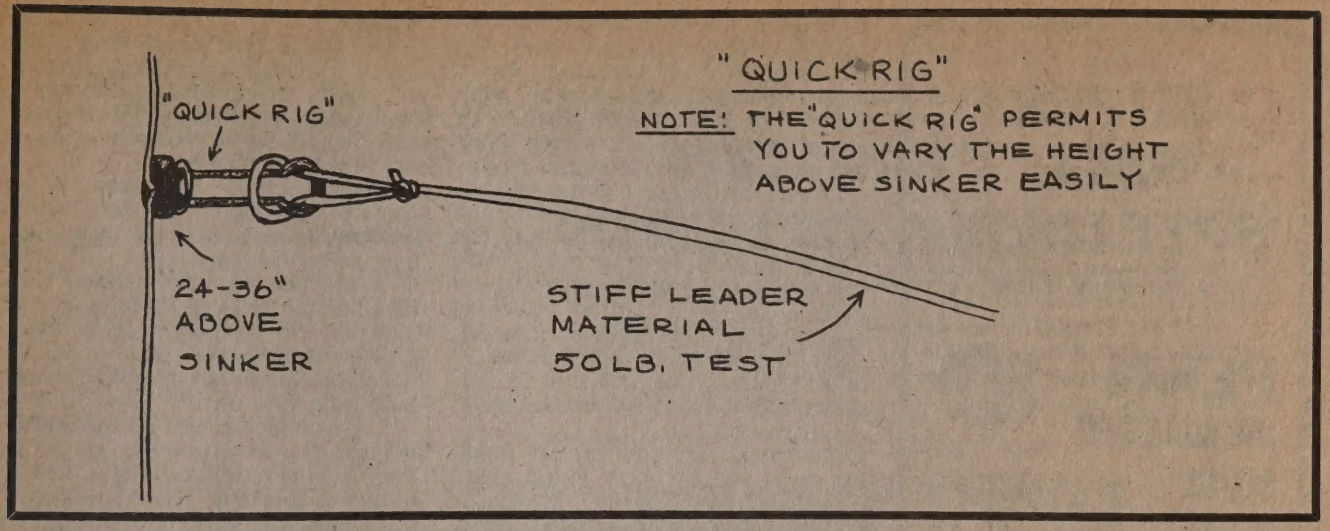
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packaged with stiff leader material. However, if you're into snelling your own hooks, make sure you use 50 lb. test leader material, not regular mono which is much softer and limp.

Regardless of whether you buy your hooks pre-packaged or snell them yourself, take a few minutes to sharpen them. Cod possess pretty tough mouths. The difference between hooking or missing a fish may be the hook. Even brand new hooks are not really sharp in the true sense since they are mass produced. Use a fine file or emery cloth to hone the will ingest a small bait, while a large bait could only promote nibbling and possibly a missed fish. When using clam, thread the hard part up the shank, leaving the softer belly section at the barb with a few strands of lip dangling. By using smaller bait, your hook won't be as apt to be dragged down, giving the current more chances of allowing the bait to flutter.

Once your rig is on the bottom, and it's holding, never move it. Cod simply don't take to a jumping supposedly sluggish mollusk. If you don't detect a nibble, don't reel up to check your bait despite the tendency to do so. Maintain a tight line.

Oh, let me interject something here. Make sure the drag on your reel is set properly. Even when using 50 lb. test mono, a big cod will break your line or pull out the hook if the drag is set too tight. It's better to set the drag on the lighter side. You can always tighten the drag a bit later. Set the drag by holding the line and then pulling it off against the drag. If you can't pull it off it's too tight. Loosen the start drag by turning the star wheels a quarter-inch counterclockhook. You can test how sharp the hook is by a simple procedure. Place the point of the barb on your thumb nail and slide it across. If the hook slides, it's **not** sharp. If it digs in, it **is** sharp.

There's a number of reasons why you should only use one hook, even though there's a great urge to use two. First, you will minimize becoming entangled, and even when you do it will be easier to become untangled. Lost time in tangle is lost time in catching fish. A great many fishermen, including myself, will actually cut their line from a tangle and re-rig rather than waiting for the mate to untangle the mess. Generally the mate will return your rig once he's sorted out the problem. Second, in conjunction with attaching it 2''-3'' above the sinker, you'll pick up less bottom trash fish (more about this later), and you won't hang up in the bottom as often. In this regard, never, never use two hooks when fishing over a wreck. The probabilities of hanging up are multiplied one hundred times over. It all comes down to having less chances of losing time in fishing.

Obviously all that has been discussed concerning rigging, assumes using bait. By far the most prevalent bait provided by open boats is skimmer clam. However, conch pieces, squid, strips of bergalls and sand eels can also be used, but are generally not provided by open boats. It's always a good idea to bring along your own supply of alternative bait because your bait may work when the furnished clams do not.

When baiting, don't overload the hook. Just make sure the entire hook is covered and that the barb protrudes through the bait. Small and large cod wise, and repeat the process until you

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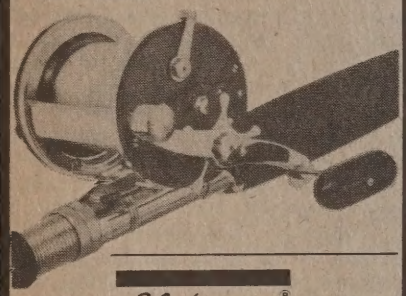

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can pull off line with some difficulty. Now yank the line several times. If it comes off without breaking, you're okay. However, now turn an additional 1/4'' counterclockwise for safety because the more line that's out the greater the resistance on it.

Okay, now you're holding bottom, your line is tight, the drag's okay, and you're not bouncing your sinker. The next step is to wait for a hit. Here you're going to have to gain a bit of experience. Most bottom dwelling trash species will nibble on the bait, exhibiting a sharp, light series of taps. Don't strike. If after a few minutes this nonsense stops, reel in and check the bait.

Cod hits are generally much stronger, and are more like a sharp tug. Now here's something you're going to have to overcome. Don't yank back at the first tug. Wait for the second tug, and even better the third stronger tug. Only then set the hook by lifting the rod sharply to ensure the hook penetrating the cod's tough mouth. Cod have a habit of tasting the bait first. Strike at the first tug and chances are you'll miss the fish entirely, or at best hook it lightly at the lips. By waiting until the third tug the chances are that the fish has swallowed the bait leaving very little opportunity for losing it during the fight.

Some of the real old pros I've observed don't even yank the rod to set the hook. They wait until the cod has swallowed the bait, and simply reel in the fish with a steady retrieve.

Once the fish is hooked, you'll know it. Mr. Whiskers will try to grab the bottom, and you're in for a tug-of-war. Don't reel when he's taking line, and don't yank. When you spot the fish in the water call for the mate. Cod should be gaffed, seldom pulled over the side unless it's a very small one (less than 5 lbs.).

Despite what is thought to be the case, cod can virtually be caught year-round. Although the official season when cod frequent inshore waters along the south shore of Long Island is November to March, they can be caught offshore the balance of the year especially out at Montauk, and at many ports featuring special offshore wreck, bank, and ledge trips.

During the winter season, it behooves one to bring along warm, but light clothing. A pair of rubberized gloves, waterproof boots and foul weather gear are a must. During the balance of the season, particularly the summer months, it's wise to bring along at least waterproof over-boots, a pair of light rain gear pants (so you don't get your clothing messed up), and a cap to minimize glare.

Always bring along something to store your fish in. In winter, a burlap bag is okay. However, in summer a large cooler with ice is a must to prevent your catch from spoiling. Some of the larger open boats feature a galley where you can purchase food and drinks. I prefer to bring along my own. The same is true for tackle and rigging.

Make it a practice to have extra tackle with you; i.e. hooks, sinkers, etc. and to pre-rig a half dozen rigs in advance which will save you considerable time in the event that you lose a rig, and have to re-rig.

Seasickness is the bane of all anglers. Although I've been fishing for over thirty years, and thank God have never been seasick, I still make it a practice to take seasick pills (Dramamine or Bonine) prior to any offshore trip. Although some boats provide seasickness pills upon request, be safe rather than really sorry by buying your own.

To save much effort and mess after the trip has concluded, arrange for the mates to clean your fish (filleted, gutted or steaked). The nominal cost involved is well worth it, and you'll be doing the mates a favor because these fees make up a large part of their income. In this regard, it's not at all unusual to throw a mate something if he or she has been particularly helpful. It is customary to pay a tip to the mates out of any pool money that you may be fortunate to win. The usual rate is 15%, more or less depending upon how good you feel the service they provided was.

So now you have it. As I had mentioned when we began our discussion, nothing that I have discussed is particularly earth-shaking. It boils down to a considerable amount of common sense employing very simple methods. There are, however, several aspects where experience and practice will bring desired results. The first is learning to cast away from the boat using an underhanded toss. Your chances are vastly improved at the bow and at each corner of the stern because you gain casting room. Overhead casting is never permitted on a boat, and underhand casting does take practice. The other aspect is learning to discern cod hits from other fish, and not strike upon detecting the initial bite.

As with any type of fishing some luck is involved, especially in landing the pool fish. However, by following the methods that I've described, I'm certain that you will improve your chances of catching more and bigger fish consistently.

Hopefully, one day you'll find it difficult to drag your catch off the boat at the end of the trip. If you're not already aware, cod can be of considerable size. It's not at all unusual for the pool fish to top 40 lbs., with even larger fish occasionally boated. To add to the appeal, large cod put up quite a struggle. Anyone advising you to the contrary is either quite a brute or a downright liar. And finally, cod are excellent eating whether fried, baked or boiled in chowder, cakes, etc.

So what more can you ask for? Go out and enjoy yourself, and who knows, some day you'll be the old pro that someone else will admire.

Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin Fleet** reports the porgies slowed up for the weekend a little, but things were strong Wednesday through Friday with catches of 75-100 porgies a man being made. Catches are starting to become erratic as porgies draw to a close for '81. The boat is carrying green crabs now for blackfish. Seventy-five to 100 red cod are being caught by the boat each day with a few pollack mixed in as well. The fleet's bluefish trips continue to average 25-30 bruising choppers a man with some striped bass mixed in. Five bass were caught on Wednesday's trip on the **Marlin V** and 20 on Thursday.

Charter boat **King Wayne** called to report Saturday's trip for Buddy Miles and pals of Jamaica, NY fished south of Block Island and boated over 150 blackfish, cod and pollack. The catch was mostly blacks up to 11¾ lbs. The cod went to 15 lbs. This was all on clam and green crab. Sunday's trip for Angel Ansire and friends from the Bronx also fished south of Block and lifted 70 big blues on herring and 24 cod to 45 lbs. The 2nd and 3rd largest fish ran 30 and 42½ lbs., with the remainder being three, to 20 lbers. This was on clam. The blues ran 18-20 lbs. Wayne says the

Michael Tenaglia with one of five bass from 20 to 32 lbs. taken trolling at Montauk aboard the "Adios."

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fall run of cod and blacks is on and he still has a few open weekend dates available.

Captain Paul Forsberg's **Viking Fleet** reports the porgies are starting to get spotty at Block Island. Saturday's catch was very good, but Sunday's slowed down. The codfishing remains good with 150 cod caught Saturday with a good sprinkling of sea bass and blackfish. Two hundred cod was the score on Sunday's trip, plus a good showing of sea bass and blackfish again. Cod ran 6-12 lbs. and the daily pools are in the 20s.

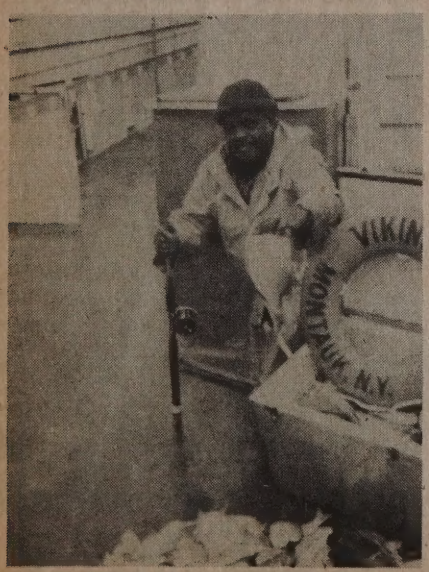
Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say that he has started blackfishing and finds it excellent with plenty of fish in the 10 lb. range on green crabs. Fishing the Point, Mike is also jigging and trolling striped bass in fair numbers.

Charter boat **Julie III** reports that they have sailed the last trip of the year which was for George Romer who totalled 40 blackfish from 5-9¼ lbs. at Southwest Ledge on green crab.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** tells us the stripers are still holding up and that Wednesday and Thursday were super at the Point in the early part of the day. On Sunday morning's charter, 9 bass up to 40 lbs. were jigged. Friday morning's score was 20 stripers, Saturday morning's body count was 15. This was all on diamond jigs with incoming water working best. Also taken was a scattering of blues and weaks at the Point.

Charter boat **Sundance**, presently based at Star Island Yacht Club, called to say that in general he's been jigging and trolling stripers and blues off the lighthouse and that he is booking cod trips now.

The **Adios** reports that at the latter part of this past week the boat sailed Dr. Mike Cwiedel and friends on a half-day trip and scored with 28 mixed bass and bluefish. A trip for Tim Lyon's group of Greenwich, Ct. 25 bass were brought in with 6 going over 25 lbs. Most were caught along the beach. Captain Phil says he has some choice open dates available.



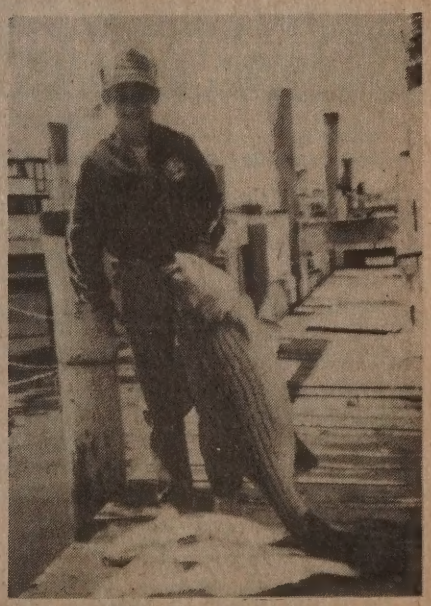
Freddie Redd made this freezer filling catch at Block Island aboard the "Viking Starship" on October 23. Fishing was done at Block Island.

South Shore Report

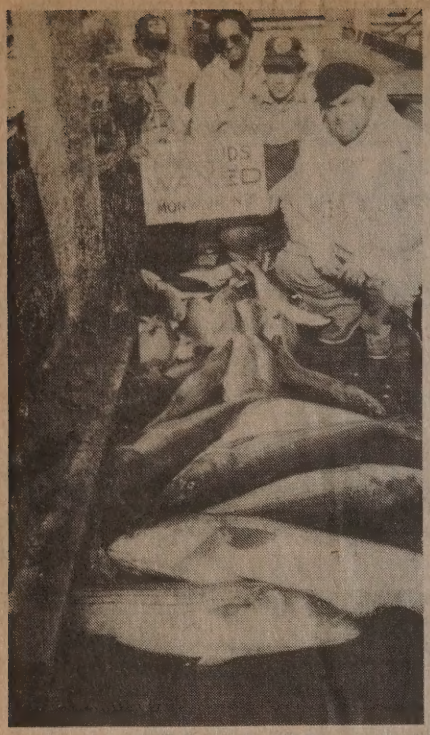
by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

When I spoke to John Mangino of **Corrs Fishing Station,** he assured me that Shinnecock Bay flounder were in a cooperative mood on both Saturday and Sunday. John said that most of the flatties have been in the 1 lb. class with the best catches coming from the Green Lawns and Basket area. Both tides have been equally productive. On Saturday, Pat Ciriello and George Preffert totalled over 40 flounder between 1 and 2 lbs. They used clams, sand worms, and clam chum. Sunday, John looked over a catch of 90 flounder in the 1 to 1½ lb. range made by Frank Gottlieb and Mike and Harry Poulas on nightcrawlers, bloodworms and sandworms.



Karl, Joe, Ken and Hank with 24 cod up to 47 lbs. taken on jig and tube combos aboard Capt. John DeMaio's "Vivienne."



A catch of stripers to 40 lbs. and weaks up to 11 made on the Montauk open boat "Waxed." Ed Mullen, George Stalter, Tony Napolean, Ed Januszkiewicz and Erwin Winkler used diamond jigs to take the fish.

MORICHES BAY

Gary, of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station,** told me that while Moriches flounder have been unpredictable in their feeding habits, good catches are still the rule here. "Boatmen just have to stick it out until the fish take hold." The best action continues to be found SE of bouy 42 and off Haven's Point. Gary suggested both worms and clams and added that chumming can make a big difference in your overall score. Of the weekend fishing, a 47 fish catch made by Lenny Stockwell and Narine Ramlogen typified the scores of most anglers on Sunday.

From **Skidmore's Fishing Station,** Jim DeVita spoke of continued good flounder action east of buoy 42. Fish are averaging around 1 lb. and are being taken on bloodworms and mussel chum. Bigger fish, to 2½ lbs., but less of them, still at Haven's Point. Fishing alone on Saturday, joe Sander put away 44 flatties while on Sunday Ben and Greg Kubik and Matt Viol totalled 93. Blue claws remain in good supply in the buoy 43-44 area added Jim.

MASTIC BEACH

Reporting from **Stiriz's Fishing Station,** Bill said that while flounder are not as plentiful as they were, they are larger. Catches of up to 40 fish per boat up to 2 lbs. have not been unusual between buoy 20 and the bridge. Use worms and mussel chum. Bill told me that crabs remain abundant, but noted that a few cold nights could spell the end of the blue claws. Best scores are being made on rings rather than traps.

OAKDALE

Dave at **J & R Sport Center** described the local flatfishing as slow. He knew of a few fish at the Sore Thumb and added that what they lack in quantity is made up for in size. He weighed one fish of 2¼lbs. this week. No news on bass, blacks or blues as boatmen had to contend with east winds all week long. On a more positive note, Dave told of good trout fishing this week in Bubbles and Rattlesnake with lots of 12 to 18 inch browns and rainbows being checked in. Action in the Park (Connetquot) this week was slow.

CAPTREE

Mark, of the **Captree Bait Station** described the flounder fishing off the piers as spotty. Boats too have been having a hard time of it in the area. Mark felt that last week's lousy weather accounted for the scant turnout of anglers on the docks.

The open boat **Capt. Rod** reported tough picking for flounder over the weekend. Roiled water has made fishing difficult all week long. Capt. Rod has been working the state channel and Heckscher where those fish being caught are averaging ¾ to 1 lb.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** said that the blues are still holding although the area south of the inlet in 110 feet of water has lost some of its consistency. Speedy fished the Oregon Wreck on Sunday and had a good catch of slammer blues on bait and jigs. A couple of cod started to show, but the Capt. feels the blues will remain the best game in town for awhile yet.

Blackfishing on the ocean reef remains very good according to a report filed by Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Bob Joseph.** Charlie noted that a 12 lb. cod was included in Sunday's catch.

Capt. Gordan Roman of the **Captree Queen II** announced the end of his night bluefishing trips. Instead he is concentrating on flounder everyday. After a generally slow week, action picked up on Sunday withh 11 men totalling 120 flatties. Fishing was done in the state channel near Babylon. Gordon feels that the flatfishing will improve with the cooler weather.

BASS HARVEST DOWN IN 1979

(Continued from page 2.)

Middle Atlantic	New York	276
	New Jersey	*
	Delaware	*
	Maryland	649
	Virginia	*
	Total	948
South Atlantic	North Carolina	38
	South Carolina	*
	Georgia	*
	Florida (East Coast)	*
	Total	47
Gulf	Florida (West Coast)	NR
	Alabama	NR
	Mississippi	NR
	Louisiana	1
	Texas	NR
	Total	1
Total		1,181

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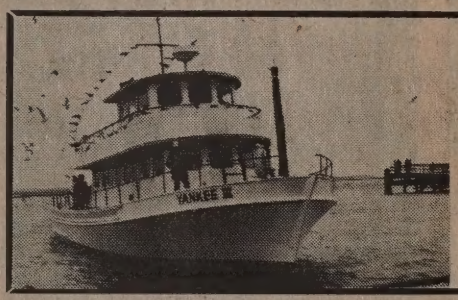

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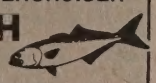

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BABYLON

From **Augie's Bait & Tackle**, Freddie said that east winds hurt fishing all week long. Blues, which had been a sure bet for three weeks south of the Fire Island Inlet in 110 feet of water became inconsistent, blackfishing in the bay is about over, flounder fishing is "far from great" with the best catches being made well to the west. One boatman did troll 2 bass to 20 lbs. and a half dozen teen blues on the west bar during the week.

AMITYVILLE

At **Comb's Bait & Tackle,** Maria said most of the activity in the area revolves around flounder which have been quite plentiful in Massapequa Cove, Copiague Hole, West Isalnd and at Four Corners. Clem Boch stopped by on Sunday with a catch of

The buoy 54 area produced this catch of 138 flounder to 2 lbs. for Tom and Jim Greene, Charlie Ering, Tony Spazano and Desi Ryan. The group fished out of L&M Marine in East Moriches.

38 flounder, most between 1 and 2¼ lbs., taken on worms and mussel chum. Blacks are fading fast, and some bass are being taken in the state channel on eels and bunker.

SEAFORD

Marie, of **Wanser's Tackle Shop**, described the flounder fishing at Squaw Island and in Massapequa Cove as pretty good with worms and mussel or clam chum working best on the flatties. Still a few people trying for blacks, but they're not doing much.

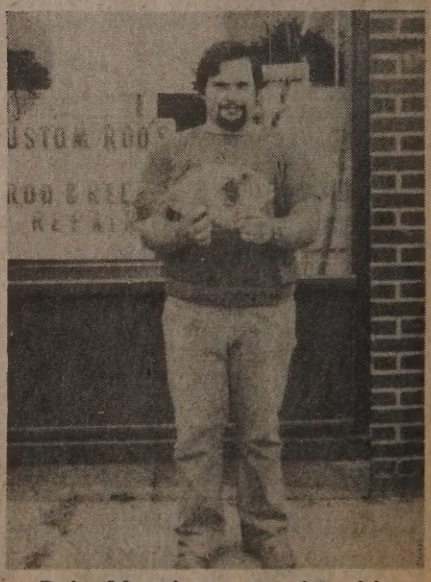
From **Pop's Fishing Station,** John spoke of improved flounder action by the end of the week after a couple of slow days. On Saturday, John Duange put away 20 flounder and 1 fluke at

Larry Woodward boated this 6½ lb. blackfish at the Kismet Reef back in October on a green crab. It was weighed at Peppy's Bait and Tackle in East Islip.

Haunts Creek. Sunday saw the Pat Santo family return from the 1st bridge with 35 flounder taken on worms and mussel chum. Also Sunday, Leo Virgilio, Jim Noller and a friend had 40 fish including a huge 2 lb. 14 oz. flattie. They fished the state channel with worms and chum. A few blacks still at the bridges, but most boatmen are not bothering.

MERRICK

Speaking from **Nicks Fishing Station,** Jimmy Boulukos said that east wind, fog and a big heave hindered fishing efforts all week long. Some blues in the 10 to 12 lb. class were



Bob Macaluso caught this southern visitor, a triggerfish, near the old lighthouse in Great South Bay while fluking. Photo courtesy of Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle.

FISH TALK:

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as you did. I watch and I try to imitate the retrieve—usually to no avail. However, once in awhile I have succeeded and to the best of my understanding, here's how I did it. First, I step out of the water and take a few deep breaths. I remind myself that the cold execution of technique is what is important. I slow my body down and then return to the water. Second, once back in the water I do not look at the other fishermen. Watching them catch fish is a sure way to not watch my own business, which is at the end of my cast line. Third, I concentrate on the retrieve and remind myself about the little things and to keep it SLOW! It doesn't always work and I don't always catch fish, but once in awhile it has saved the day.

OFTEN VERY SUBTLE. Often the difference in applied technique between the fisherman catching fish and the one or ones that are not is very subtle. Take, for example, my fishing experiences with John DeMaio. I think I imitate his retrieve, and I think that I'm doing what he is, and I think I should catch fish. Instead, I jig a diamond jig up and down while he catches bass **and** drives the boat. There is an art as you suggest and the best artists seem to be the ones that paint close to home. That is, like the regular, Frank, learn one or two areas well and fish them hard—the art will develop naturally.

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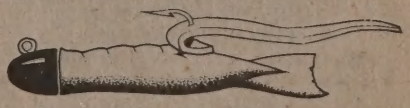

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trolled on the west bar Saturday morning while in the bay, the big news concerned George Zipper's 55 lb. striper taken Monday afternoon on a live bunker in Haunt's Creek. Flounder fishing has been O.K. at Merrick Point, Broad Creek and Rowboat Alley. Jim mentioned that the best fishing has been occuring during the late afternoon, regardless of tide.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

Super Spray II reports Saturday's cod wreck trip saw 45 cod taken averaging 15-20 lbs., with the pool fish tipping the scale at 40 lbs. A lot of jumbo blues up to 23½ lbs. were taken. This was mostly bait but some fish were also taken on diamond jigs. Some husky sea bass also committed suicide as did a dozen pollack. Sunday, due to tougher fishing conditions, the catch was down on the cod wreck trip but there were still roughly 25 cod caught plus a scattering of blues. The blackfishing Monday thru Friday was super, said Captain Jim, with fares taking anywhere from 1-3 pails of fish.

The **Capt. Al** reports excellent bluefishing all week and weekend on the biggest kind of bluefish. Regular Roosevelt Rogers bagged a 23 lb. blue Sunday and Aaron Wilson of Hempstead pulled 19 cod off the bottom on Sunday's trip, making everyone's eyes pop. The Capt. Al is now sailing for cod at 5AM every day.

Captain Richie of the **Starstream II** reports his customers have been enjoying good blackfishing everyday with fish up to 8 lbs. Catches are running from 20-50 fish a man, right through the weekend. On the weekly Wednesday codfishing trip, Larry Bottari of New Hyde Park brought up a 32 lb. cod. Runner-up was Paul Noriega of Brooklyn with a 20 lb. pollack.

Captain Dan of the charter boat **Nan Sea** called to report Sunday's trip to the Cholera Banks for Ed Bernhart of Atlantic Beach and party pulled blues from 12-17 lbs., doing best up until 10AM on jigs and umbrellas.

The **Capt. Bill** continuing two trips a day for flounders, tells us that on Friday, Bob Milendez of Franklin Square had 34 flounders on an afternoon trip. Same day, Bill Turnbull of Woodside had 30 flounders. Dave Wasser of Bellmore totalled 31 flounders. On Sunday, Frank Caruso and Joan Mallin had 46 flounders be tween them. Saturday saw good catches made also. The boat is fishing locally and incoming water has proven

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OLD TIMER'S CORNER:

(Continued from page 12.)

It was a beautiful rod, handmade of lancewood, with German silver guides, tip, and I believe a reel seat of the same metal. Even the ferrule was German silver. I believe to this day that it had much better action than any rod I've since owned. I used it for cod, as well as for fluke, porgies, sea bass, etc. But I no longer have it.

Through my own bit of carelessness, it went overboard while codfishing one December day during a brutal northeaster. Would you like to know where that rod went overboard? South of the Cholera Bank! Even today, more than 50 years later, whenever my buddy Artie Leidecker and I fish that area for cod, I can't help but think of Babe and that beautiful rod.

But it wasn't only fishing tackle I received from these good souls. Heavy winter clothing for codfishing came my way, too. Most of this was World War I surplus. I was given, among other things, an excellent Navy pea jacket and a leather Army vest with an olive-drab wool lining (which certainly kept my chest warm many a cold winter's day). Those fellows seemed hell-bent to see that I was properly dressed for the occasion. Even foul-weather gear and hip-high boots came my way.

One more little item and we'll be finished.

Any healthy 15 or 16-year-old boy has the appetite of a horse. And I was no exception. The meager two sandwiches I brought along on each trip were always devoured before the boat left the dock. But free sodas and extra sandwiches always came my way from good-natured passengers. Some of these good souls even had their wives put up extra lunch for "that kid with the hollow legs."

So...this is the way it was when I was a kid learning the ropes on party boats, and why I write as I do of these old-time fishermen who were my friends during those hectic days. It was certainly a case of "one for all and all for one." As I mentioned before, never will we see the likes of such fishermen again.

But once—just once—I'd like to relive one of those days.

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Captain Sy of the **Blue Fin Fleet** called to report a super flounder trip Saturday for American Contracting Company. The boat fished Goose Creek all day on a flooding tide and half-way through the ebb and picked fish all day up to 1¼ lbs. The pool ws was taken by 7 year old Staten Island angler Bill Perrette. The catch was on worms and dyed clam, no chum.

The **Capt. Lou III** reports flounder fishing is getting back into the swing of things with fish taken this past week up to 2½ lbs. High hooks on the full day trips have been in the 40s, with the morning tides producing best. Captain Mike says the catch improves everyday, by the weekend it should be the best of the week.

Ronnie "Bunzie" Bauer, the head man at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** reports flounders have been a little slow this past week but those that tried hard to scratch up a decent catch with worms, mussels and his specially made "BUNZIE-CHUM." Ronnie says his chum must be used sparingly as it is very potent. Big weakfish are still being taken in Haunts and Swift Creeks and Jones Inlet on live bunker or bunker chunks while drifting. Blackfish on green crabs are a good item, particularly at the Meadowbrook bridge at slack water. Fish are running 1½ to 4 lbs. Monster bluesa are hitting thru mid-morning very strong at Cholera on bait and on jigs and fish are also being trolled along the beach.

The **Capt. Gary** called to say that he's going to be running an 8AM open boat for flounders when not chartered and that he also has choice weekend November charter dates still available.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station tells of big bluefish brought in up to 15 lbs. from Cholera taken on chum and bait. Good flounder catches being brought back fromk Swift and Scow Creeks, off BOCES, and Garretts Lead, fish of mixed sizes on worm and clam. Blues being trolled from 40' to 50' of water on umbrellas off the pink hotel.

POINT LOOKOUT

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** reports the Meadowbrook bridge continues to be loaded with blackfish while good flounder catches are being made in Swift Creek, buoy 17 Reynolds Channel, and Middle Bay. Boaters trolling umbrellas are picking blues and stripers at the west bar.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook reports flounder activity has picked up on the weekend with decent catches made mostly in Merrick Bay. Fish are mixed sizes, hitting on blood and sand worms. There's been very good striped bass trolling at the Tin

Members of Ladder Co. 28 and Engine Co. 69 of the NYCFD with a load of blues taken at Sandy Hook aboard the charter boat "Kim."

Can and off the Rockaways with private boats getting 30-40 bass a trip and on umbrellas with dark tubes. This is in 30 ' of water fishing close to the bottom with wire. Blues and weaks are mixed in and an occasional 30 lb. bass is hung. Blackfishing remains good at the bridges and jetties and wrecks on green crab.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** called to say he is making good catches every trip on stripers up to 15 lbs. working the New York Bight with umbrellas.

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** says flounders continue to be caught in the Woodmere Bay area and off the Magnolia Avenue pier on worms. Blackfish seem to be petering out. Sunday saw the boat Mirage zip out to 17 Fathoms and take 60 bluefish from 10-18 lbs. for a total weight catch of 725 lbs. of blues on bait and chum. The Four Queens fished 17 Fathoms also but for blackfish and had 40 blacks on green crabs from 2½ to 6 lbs. The Emme trolling between the channels, umbrellaed up a box load of mixed blues and stripers.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports the blacks and flounder remain solid. Try off the fire house for flounder, while blackfishing with fiddlers and greens should be concentrated at the bridges and rocks. Bass trolling has been decent off Rockaway Inlet on umbrellas. Jon Stein and Nick Sevine totalled 34 blackfish to 11 lbs., mostly 4-6 lbers. off Rockaway Inlet. Blues have been trolled at the Tin Can on umbrellas up to 15 lbs.

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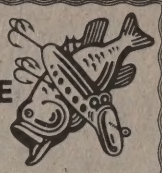

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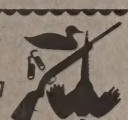

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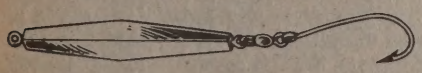

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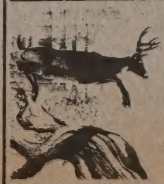

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blues and dropping 20 on bunker chunks fishing 2½ miles SE of Debs. The Tin Can is producing a lot of small bass on umbrellas and bucktails. Blackfishing was slow this week.

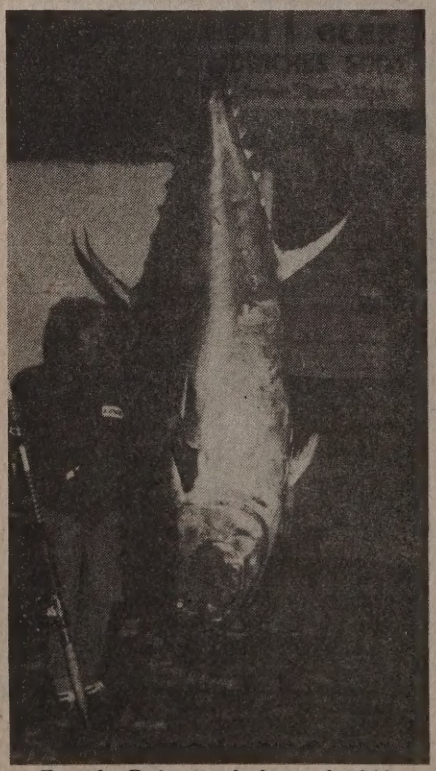
HOWARD BEACH

Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** tells us that Joe Watzinger of South Ozone Park rang the bell with a 21 lb. striper caught off the South Channel bridge on pork rind Friday in the early morning. Flounder catches have improved off of both the North and south channel bridge on worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** reports the striped bass have busted loose since Thursday and catches have been really good, with stripers in good quantities. No shorts and fish are averaging 4-9 lbs. Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday's total catch was over 225 striped bass up to 19½ lbs. A 30 lber. was dropped by Capt. Steve fishing light tackle on one of the trips. All the catches have been on diamond jigs and bait tails. Twelve to 16 lb. blues are mixed in and action is between the Tin Can and south channel. Walt says the great fall fishing is now and this is some of the best party boat striped bass catches that we at LIF have run into. This party boat striper fishing is a specialty on the boat at this time of year.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** tells of a 30 lb. 8 oz. cod caught by Brooklyn angler Fred Spechter aboard the Helen II Sunday on a 6 oz. diamond jig while bluefishing. Fred also had 20 blues to 20 lbs. There's excellent bluefishing SE of the Sluice. Saturday night was a slaughter of monster blues on bait and bananas. It's bait and bananas at night and 4-6 oz. diamond jigs days. Blackfishing has been very good at Seabright and 17 Fathoms, all fish 3-8 lbers. Bass are being taken in good numbers in a variety of manners from the beaches and from boats at the Tin Can and even at the roundhouse and Charlie says these are nice clean fish.



Ronnie Getz needed nearly 3½ hrs. to put away this 814 lb. bluefin without the assistance of a chair. The big "horse mackerel" was checked in at Hudson Pt. Fishing Station.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santos Sport Shop** reports some stripers off South Beach, Ft. Wadsworth, Cliff St., and Penny Beach. Sal Spurge took a 49 lber. from the beach on a white Danny swimmer. Pete Wellington took a 29½ lber. on a white Gibbs swimmer. Lenny knows of a 34, 13 and 11 lbers. also taken. These were all night fish taken on ebbing water. A lot of schoolies to 4 lbs. at Penny Beach on sand worms, daytime...nice clean ocean fish. Lots of schoolies to 5 lbs. on bucktails off South Beach and Midland Beach, storm sewers, days. Flounders off piers 10, 12 and 17, Penny Beach and Great Kills Harbor with catches good to excellent. Both tides are working and a stray eel, tommycod and bass may also be caught. Blueclaw crabs (large) remain very good at pier 17. Boats fishing from the West Bank lighthouses to Romer Shoals with spoons or umbrellas are picking bass in the low 30s. There's decent blackfishing at Old Orchard lighthouse, Great Kills and Princess Bay buglights on green crabs.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

NEW ROCHELLE

John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle** told us that blackfishing was excellent locally on green and fiddler crabs, and that two sharpies Dave Garnel and Guy Coppello had scored off the Larchmont Breakwater with 53 tautog to 6 lbs. Trolling white tubes for bass off Execution was productive for schoolies, and a few large bass are mixed with the smaller fish wherever nighttime worm trollers get together.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** has pulled his small boats now but will be supplying bait to hungry locals for several more weeks. Rumpf says that tautog are in 25'-30' of water locally and that flounder angling is pretty good on medium/thick fish in the 1/2 to 3/4 lb. class. One of the local fishing boats pulled a 13½ lb. tautog last week and the school bass around Hart's Island run up to 8 lbs.

Pete Anderson of the **North Star** said that blackfishing was pretty good when the weather finally broke over the weekend. Big tautog have moded moved into 50'-65' depths off Connecticut's Norwalk Island where the best angling on hard baits is at the turn of the tide. Fish over 9 lbs. are commonplace and the boat's cook took an enormous 14½ lber. on Monday, the 26th of last month.

Joe Fusaro worm-trolled this 28.12 lb. striper in Huntington Bay during the summer. He checked it at Four Winds Bait and Tackle.

Anderson hopes to continue running till Thanksgiving.

GLEN COVE

John Casciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that flounder fishing had "gone crazy" in the whole area along the Glen Cove shore line for fish of 1/2 lb. up. Sandworms were top bait and those who really want fish chum with corn. Blackfishing action is sporadic, and bluefish are about gone; bass are few and far between for those who plug the beaches.

HUNTINGTON

From **Ronnie's** comes word that bass action has let down this past week. Blackfishermen still persist, but the best bet seems to be local flounder now. Nice sized fish can be taken on worms and clams. Incidentally, what bass are still around are school-sized fish up to 8-10 lbs.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** said that Eaton's was still consistent for bass from 5-8 lbs. during periods of 1-1½ hours on moving tides. Most sharpies were using umbrellas and wire. Meanwhile, down at Lilco, light tackle fans with 1/4 oz. bucktails were scoring on small bass and blues and pan-sized jack crevalles.

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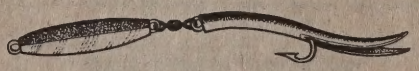

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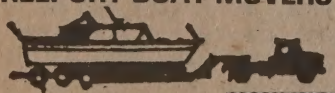

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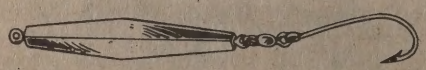

Kenny Tazzi and Mike Quatela display makos of 354 and 166 lbs. taken back in July 20 miles S.S.E. of Shinnecock Inlet. Subscriber photo.

KINGS PARK

O.K. Bait & Tackle announced that there are still small blues and bass in the area, but that Sunken Meadow was producing some monster blues over 15 lbs. for bunker chunkers at night. Flounder to 1 lb. were in the river, and blackfish were available off the Mansion and off Callahan's.

PORT JEFFERSON

John Fisher said that the **Aqua Gem** had taken advantage of a pretty good weekend for blackfish action on the Connecticut side of Long Island Sound. Although the pool fish on Sunday, a tautog of around 8½ lbs. came from grounds on the other side, the best fishing was actually off Shoreham in 25'-30' of water for a lot of 2-3 lb. tautog.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph's Fishing Station told us that some alligator blues in the 18 lb. class had been taken by bunker chunkers and trollers off Miller Place Shores. Ralph Davenport himself has been trolling Acetta spoons and pork rind in 15'-20' of water with some success for bass to 8 lbs. Blackfish and flounder action is also good, with the largest tautog of the week talying 8½ lbs.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

Nick Cyprus at **Warren's Tackle Center** told us that word has gotten out about the school bass off Horton's, and that dawn Sunday found 27 boats off the Point. The trick is to find the fish without spooking them, and those who do enjoy multiple hookups on umbrella rigs. Although most fish are schoolies, larger single tubes will pick a few teen size bass, too. Sometimes a 4 oz. drail is neccessary on wire outfits to hug the bottom in 30 feet of water. Blackfish are available in small sizes east of Mattituck Inlet off the Firing Range, and flounder are around the jetty now. Bay flounder can be taken off Indian Island.

SOUTHOLD

The **Port Of Egypt Station** was looking at good flounder catches from Dering Harbor, Shelter Island and from zpipe's Cove and Beixedon as well. Chumming with mussels or drifting the outgoing water was best for 1 lb. flatties. Clams work

somewhat better than worms. The west end of Petty's and the last traps east on the Sound have somewhat larger flounder. Best blackfish action off the Orient Station is in deeper water off Mulford now. On Friday, four exceptional tautog came into the station and tipped the scales at individual weights between 7 and 9½ lbs.

GREENPORT

The **Blue Albatross** will now be running through at least Nov. 9th as a weekday open boat for blackfish.

Richie Jensen told us that the **Nancy Ann** did well on schoolie bass on both Wednesday and Thursday with catches of 15 and 12 fish from the Gut. Bucktailing on a drift also produced some monster bluefish up to 20 lbs. The best of the action for Jensen has been provided by blackfish off Gull and Fisher's Islands. Blackfishing there is "the way it should be" according to Rich, and slack water periods are best in deep water up to 70 feet. Still, the tautog hit all day long, and there are a lot of fish up to 8 to 10 lbs. mixed in with the 4 to 6 lb. tautog.

Art White at **A P White Bait Shop** said that the charter operation will be shutting down on Nov. 15, and that he'll be closing shop around the 21st. Meanwhile, fishing is torrid for blackfish off the north side of Plum Island and off Gull. On Friday, Christa Williamson of Copiague hauled two career blackfish aboard the **Brand X**. One went 7 lbs. 4 ozs., the other 9 lbs. 2 ozs. Willie Jones of Brooklyn had a giant blackfish of 11 lbs. that day. Aboard the **Peconic Gypsy** on Saturday, Joe Ippolito of Yorktown Heights took a 9 lb. 12 oz. tautog, and from the **Tuna,** Joe Rabczewski of Brentwood managed an 8½ lber. on Sunday. Flounder action in the creeks from Indian Neck and Sterling out to Gull Pond is quite good, and charters are working on schoolie bass in the Gut.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark II reports excellent blackfishing on the ocean wrecks this past weekend. Saturday saw Rev. Elliot Sloan, Bronx scoring with 29 blacks and taking the pool with an 8 lber. Blackfish in the 4-8 lb. class were caught all day along with sea bass and several fluke. On Sunday's trip the boat fished an ocean wreck east of the inlet with lots of hot action in the morning. Long Beach angler

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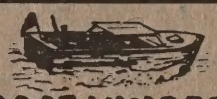
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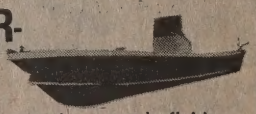
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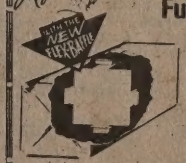
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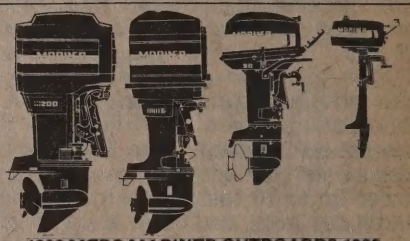

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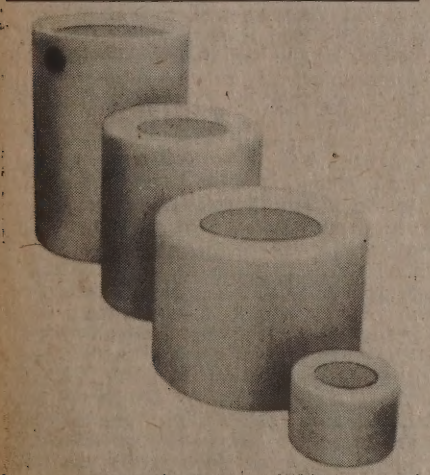

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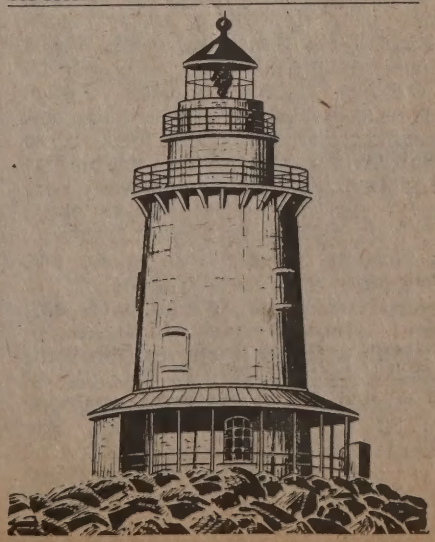

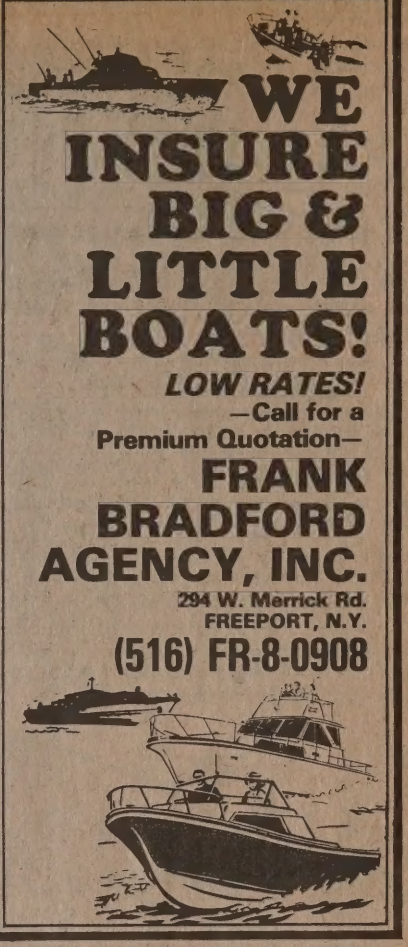

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Captain Artie Latch of the **Wilhelric II** tells of super blackfish action with pool fish going a steady 10-12 lbs. Big Charlie of Sag Harbor snagged the pool with a 10½ lb. black Sunday, plus 4 other blacks over 8 lbs. and 13 others of slightly lesser proportion. This was on all on green crabs. The boat's last trip of the season will be for blackfish on November 15. So make it on down if you don't want to miss out, says the skipper.

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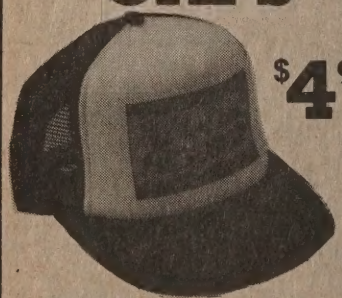

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

The current standings in the **New York Surf Fishing Contest** as of September 30th find the High Hill Striper Club once again sitting atop the competition. Their combined total for weaks, blues and bass amounted to 1145. The Farragut Striper Club is in second place, the Great South Bay Anglers are in third and Gateway Striper Club holds down the fourth spot. Rich Hummell of thie High Hill Club leads in the individual point category with 200 pts. He is followed by fellow club members Mike Greico and Fred Schwab with 171 pts. apiece. Largest bass of the contest is a 40 lber. taken by Bill Bomba of High Hill while Sal Caccavale of the Farragut Club leads the bluefish division with a 17.7 lber. Heaviest weak is a 12.15 lber. taken by Clyde Jones of High Hill.

Members of or anyone interested in becoming a member of the **Montauk Surfcasters Association** should make it a point to attend the November meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Montauk Chamber of Commerce Building, Main St., Montauk. Starting time is 1PM and among the topics to be discussed is the attempt to have the state take over abandoned Fort Hero.

Here's how things looked on the fishing front. Around the Jones Beach area, some blues to 12 lbs. early in the week and a few school bass up to 16 lbs. rewarded casters at West End 2. Poppers in the day and sinking Rebels after dark took fish here. White, Tri-Fin Eelworms accounted for a couple of school bass as well.

The Cedar Beach-Gilgo area continues to produce a pick of big blues on bait. Mackerel chunks appear to have the edge over other baits according to several sources. At least one very impressive striper came fromk Cedar Beach last week. It was taken on an eel Monday afternoon by Anthony "Clam Belly Tony" Zienek of Lake Ronkonkoma. The huge cow weighed 56 lbs. 11 oz. on the **Captree Bait Station** scales. Other notable fish weighed by the Station last week were a 20½ lb. blue for Bill Franklin and a 17.1 lb. chopper for Robert Sichler.

Reports between Fire Island and Montauk were hard to come by this week so we'll skip right out to the east end where Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported some nice weigh-ins from the first part of this past week. Tommy Sepp whipped a 35 lber. on 10 lb. test, Jim Destefano had a 38, Vito Orlando took fish of 25 and 21 lbs., George Wade had a 36, Walt Czaikowski a 29 and Larry Luca fish of 42, 25, and 15 lbs. Bob Lick of NJBBA totalled 15 bass over 15 lbs. during the course of the week. Ten of his fish were in the 30s. Bob fished a wet suit. John added that some school fish are at Shagwong and haul siners continue to do a job on the south side whenever seas allow them to work.

On the North Shore, the Huntington area had some big blues on bait early in the week but nothing since. This according to George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** who weighed a 16¾ lb. chopper for Mike Macchiaroli on Tuesday.

In Mt. Sinai, Dick of **Dick's Sporting Goods** said that blues from 8-18 lbs. come and go at Miller Place and Cedar Beach. Plugs and bait work when fish are in. At night, a few bass are falling to eels, Rebels and RedFins.

On the North Fork, the report from Ed at **Warren's Tackle** consisted of just a few school bass and an occasional big blue at Horton's Pt. on tin. This despite a very good run of boat bass in the area. RedFins and Rebels are taking some school bass at Iron Pier and sunrise and sunset. "Pretty show overall," however, according to Ed.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
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FRI.	2:15	2:40	3:20	3:35	3:00	3:10	4:15	4:25	5:30	5:50	5:45	6:05	2:30	2:55	11/6
SAT.	3:20	3:45	4:15	4:35	4:00	4:15	5:05	5:20	6:30	6:50	6:40	7:05	3:25	3:45	11/7
SUN.	4:20	4:45	5:05	5:25	4:55	5:15	5:55	6:15	7:25	7:55	7:35	8:00	4:20	4:40	11/8
MON.	5:15	5:35	5:55	6:15	5:45	6:05	6:40	7:05	8:20	8:50	8:25	8:50	5:05	5:30	11/9
TUE.	6:05	6:25	6:45	7:05	6:35	6:55	7:25	7:55	9:10	9:45	9:15	9:45	5:55	6:20	11/10
WED.	6:50	7:15	7:30	7:55	7:25	7:45	8:10	8:45	10:00	10:35	10:05	10:35	6:45	7:05	11/11
THUR.	7:35	8:05	8:20	8:45	8:10	8:35	9:00	9:35	10:50	11:30	10:55	11:25	7:35	7:55	11/12

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
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GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
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Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
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Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
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New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
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Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
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East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

11/6	6:39	4:48
11/7	6:40	4:47
11/8	6:41	4:46
11/9	6:42	4:45
11/10	6:44	4:44
11/11	6:45	4:43
11/12	6:46	4:42

Moonrise/Moonset

11/6	2:10PM	12:03AM
11/7	2:43PM	1:08AM
11/8	3:15PM	2:16AM
11/9	3:47PM	3:27AM
11/10	4:21PM	4:40AM
11/11	4:59PM	5:55AM
11/12	5:41PM	7:12AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/26	11/5	11/11	11/18

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The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:25	5:15	11:55	5:40
Fri.	—	6:00	12:10	6:25
Sat.	12:40	6:45	12:55	7:10
Sun.	1:25	7:30	1:40	7:55
Mon.	2:10	8:15	2:25	8:40
Tues.	2:55	9:05	3:15	9:30
Wed.	3:45	9:55	4:05	10:20
Thurs.	4:35	10:55	5:05	11:15

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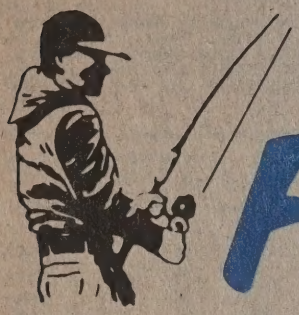

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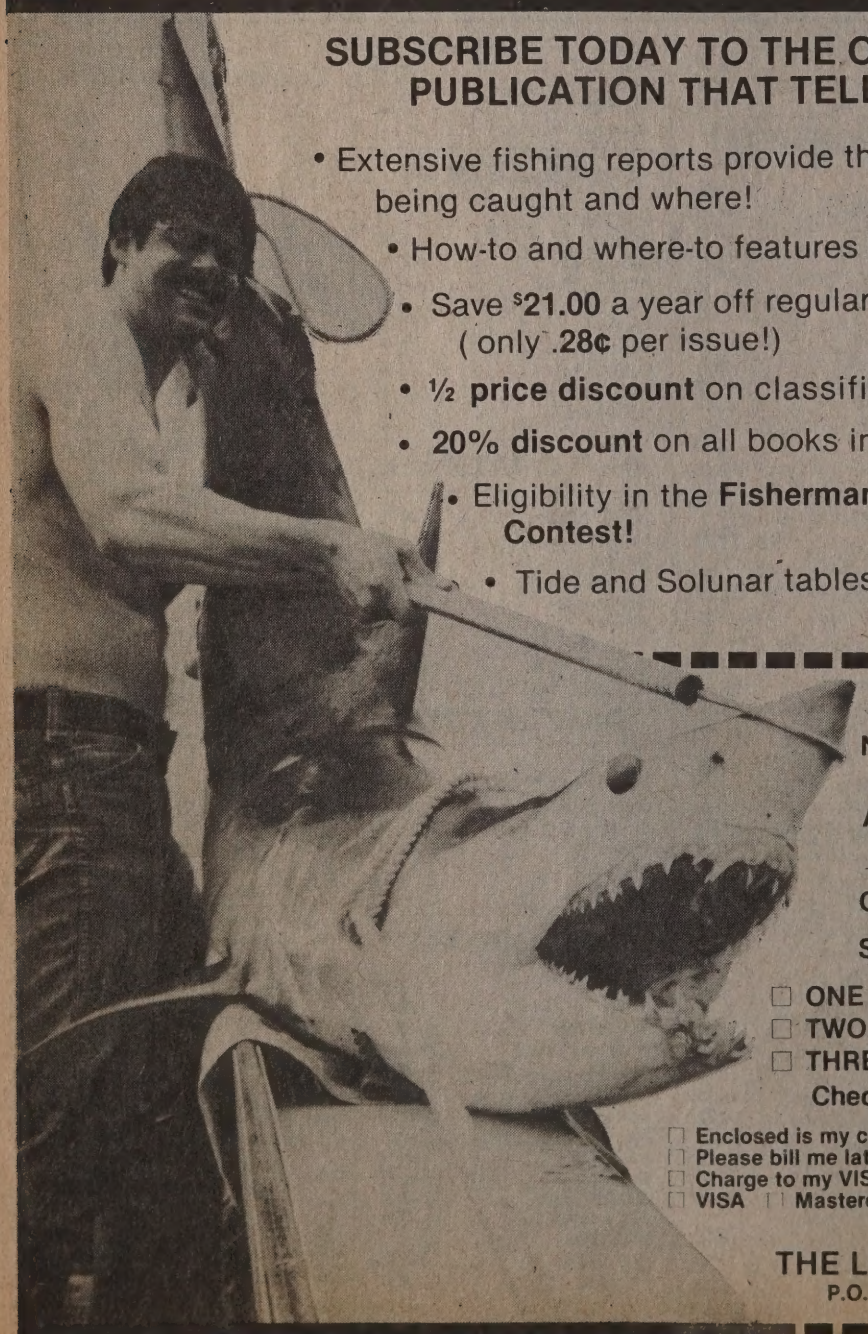

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